



St Paul's
 Catholic College
 Booragul



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

Last Friday evening, St Paul's Catholic College hosted the 2018 Graduation Ball at NEX in Newcastle. It was a fitting farewell to our Leaving Class and a wonderful opportunity to congratulate these young men and women for all that they have done as part of the St Paul's community. To the families whose time has finished at St Paul's, I would like to thank you in particular for your trust in our school over many years. To the families who continue the journey, I would like to also thank you for trusting us to be the school of choice for your children.

On the night we also paid tribute to Mr James Furey and Mrs Trish Furey. James and Trish will be moving up the coast to begin teaching in Coffs Harbour for 2019. At this stage, they have decided that they may return to St Paul's in 2020. Whatever happens, we wish them well in this new adventure and formally recognise the outstanding contribution that they have made to the St Paul's Community over many years as loyal servants to the College. From their sporting prowess and passions to the tireless work both have done in term of Pastoral Care and quality teaching, it is clear that they will be missed. Before all this happened, they were booked to attend Trish's sister's wedding in the UK. For us, that is bitter sweet. It is so good that they will be celebrating a beautiful wedding but for us, we will not be able to have a formal farewell with the current college community. Enjoy the joys of a new adventure next year and we look forward to renewing our relationships in the near future.

Some more 2018 Year 12 news. The College was informed of two outstanding HSC results last week. **Jakob Hart** received a ***nomination for possible inclusion in InTech***, the annual exhibition of outstanding Major Projects developed by HSC Industrial Technology students. This is an exciting prospect for Jakob and we wish him well for the final selection. We also recognise Mr Mark Redman for all the support and guidance he gave to Jakob and the entire class over the past 2 years.

Kiara Conaghan, has been selected for **OnStage**. OnSTAGE acknowledges the most exemplary Drama Students in the state; Kiara is 1 of only 4 students who will have their Theatre Reviews exhibited at the prestigious event. Her inclusion is a tremendous achievement for her and I know that she would also like us to recognise the support she received from her teacher, Mrs Cathy O'Gorman.

This week, the junior school has been engaged in their major Assessment Block. Over the past month, teachers have been working tirelessly to prepare the students for their assessments and I know that the results will reflect the hard work and dedication of the students and the teachers during the whole year. Over the coming weeks, students will receive feedback on their efforts. I encourage them to listen carefully and reflect on the comments that they receive from their teachers about their efforts. Students will receive marks and grades but it is the comments and the feedback that is the most important part of the assessment process. It is this feedback that will help them to improve and move forward in their learning.

After the exam block we have 3 weeks of solid work remaining and I encourage students to use this time wisely and make the most of every learning opportunity. This few weeks will be used to finalise units of work as well as ensuring that outcomes are met in preparation for the new year. I ask parents and caregivers to support us in this endeavour so that we can continue to offer quality teaching and learning over for the entire term.

In a similar way, I ask parents and caregivers to consider these comments about our Friday Sports program for Years 7 to 10. This program is mandated by NESAs (NSW Education Standards Authority – formally the Board of Studies) It mandates that students participate in 150 minutes of moderate physical activity per week. This is also

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supported by the Diocesan policy on Sport. To that end, many schools like us run a sports program in order to satisfy that mandate. Unfortunately, some students are deciding to make the Friday Sports program optional. Every Friday lunch we have a large number of students, predominantly in Years 9 and 10 signing out with parental permission. I ask that you reconsider this practice for your child. Sport is an important activity that we provide and we have a very wide scope of sports and related activities available. Our teachers provide a vast array of opportunities for the students and it needs to be supported. It is to be treated as any other subject. Obviously there are times where students need to be signed out to go to appointments and the like. I ask that you consider carefully allowing your child to miss any time from school. I thank you for your support in this matter.

Last week we had two media reports. A quick comment on the first. I would like to stress to our community that at all times we do the very best we can to ensure the best outcomes for all. In terms of issues surrounding bullying and racial vilification, we work tirelessly to make this place the best place it can be, a place that truly reflects our core beliefs and values. As I said on assembly on Wednesday, issues that we deal with every day are often complex and deep seated. I also said that the simple tenet of our faith is the way we should be. As Jesus said, "Do unto others as you would have done unto you." This simple message that was so powerful 2000 years ago is just as important today. In fact, in this modern world of almost total connectedness, it is probably more relevant.

The second media report was a real reflection of the spirit of the young people at this school. I loved the descriptions of their dresses and outfits for the Graduation Ball and the thought behind what they were doing for the night. It was heartening to hear that the costs which can be somewhat silly are a real consideration and that simple practicality and reuse was a key theme! Well done to the Year 12 students who graciously gave up their time to speak to the newspaper last week.

Have a great week.

Go Gently.

Mr Graeme Selmes
Principal



Teaching and Learning Matters

As I sat watching the Year 12 students take to the Dance floor at our Graduation Ball last Friday evening, I felt such joy in seeing these young people celebrating their successes, friendships and journeys. I loved seeing so many of these students taking “selfies” in their beautiful frocks, dancing in circles whilst each taking turns at their “signature moves”, fronting up to teachers for photo opportunities. Some danced with their mums and dads. Some had their shoes off – others maintained their composure in heels while others attempted crowd surfing before Security came calling (and, yes, even some of the teachers were escorted from the dance floor!) The energy and joy in these moments brought home to me how privileged I am to be a part of this very special community here at St Paul’s. Not all who attended the Graduation won special awards, not all will find the months ahead easy as the reality of post-school life kicks in but for *this* evening – *these moments in time* – we were unified in celebrating the journey that was. Thank you to you, Year 12, and to your families. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your lives. We wish you happiness and success beyond St Paul’s and hope you always hold on to the joy and energy so evident last week.

Year 10 National Minimum Standards Testing

In recent weeks I have had the opportunity to work with dedicated teachers, support staff and committed Year 10 students as they work towards achieving Level 3 & 4 in the National Minimum Standards tests. I wish to acknowledge the work of Mrs Lucas in planning and providing intervention lessons for our students. While we are still waiting for our Writing results to be returned I am happy to announce that we have met with success in our second round of testing with 90% of our remaining students receiving Bands 3 or 4 in Reading and 15 out of 28 students reaching the Band 3/4 Level in Numeracy. With continued support and intervention in 2019 I am confident that our remaining students can continue to work towards achievement of these Standards as part of their Stage 6 journey.

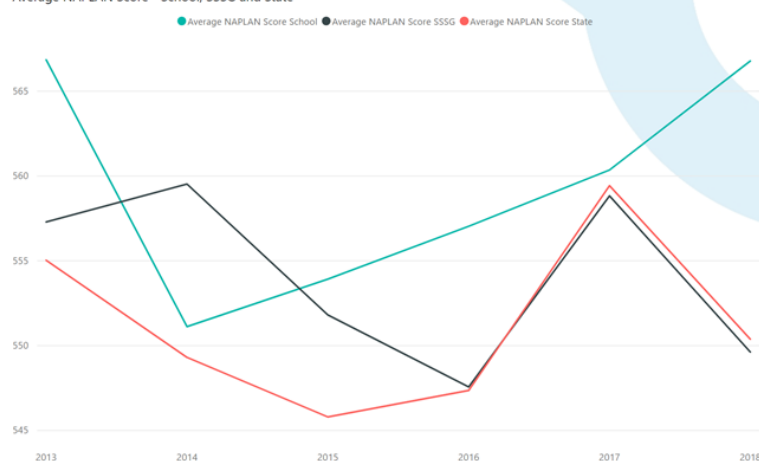
NAPLAN 2018

A huge thank you to staff for engaging in recent NAPLAN analysis workshops and to Mrs Robinson and Ms McCafferty for their detailed analysis of our school data.

Some interesting observations for our students at St Paul’s:

- The data shows that as a school our students **are performing above state level for all areas, and above SSSG* in most areas.**
- Additionally, we have **more students achieving results at or above** their expected results than both state and SSSG*.
- At St Paul’s we have **continued student growth in writing over the last 4 years.**

Average NAPLAN Score - School, SSSG and State



*SSSG – Statistically Similar School Groups, which is largely linked to SES

These results are indicative of sustained student growth in Writing in our Year 9 students and our teaching staff are commended for their work in this area. A sustained focus on Writing will continue in 2019 as part of our Strategic Plan.

A reminder of a few significant dates over the next few weeks:

- Year 7-10 Exam block continues throughout Week 6.
- Week 8, 3rd – 6th December - Year 10 Senior Interviews
- Friday 7th December AWARDS & CHRISTMAS LITURGY
- Week 9, 10th December – 13th December End of Year Activities

Finally, I invite all parents, carers and families to attend our Awards Day to be held on Friday 7th December. I look forward to celebrating with you the successes and achievements of our students in all areas across the curriculum. Please join us for this special day.

Mrs Cathy O’Gorman
Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning (Acting)



Year 8 News

Year 8 students recently dedicated a day to environmental volunteering. The students planted and maintained native gardens on the grounds of the school's parish church, St Michael's Booragul. Students also completed a 'clean up' of the Lake Macquarie foreshore in Booragul.

The purpose of the day was to develop a sense of camaraderie among the Year 8 students, to engage in spiritual reflection and to give each student a chance to contribute to a community volunteering project.

The day began with a liturgy where students and staff reflected on the beauty of creation and the importance of caring for the environment. Students then worked in teams to work on the gardens and complete a 'clean up' walk around the lake. Some students also planted a herb garden adjacent to the school's Hospitality Centre. The herbs were donated by Bunnings Glendale and native plants were donated by Landcare Lake Macquarie.

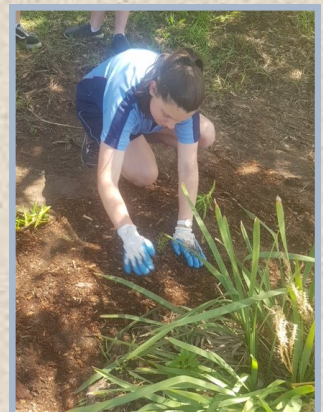
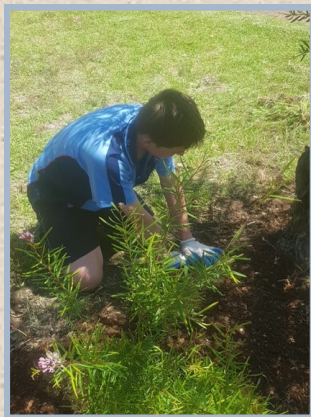
The 'clean up' was supported by Lake Macquarie Council's 'Eco Angel' Program, which provided all the equipment and collected the waste. The total waste collected came in at over 60kgs, which is a substantial contribution to the local environment.

While participating in the clean-up, students also completed a litter audit. The data has now been added to the Australian Marine Debris Database, which is used to monitor the impacts of marine debris along Australia's coastlines.

The day was enjoyed by the students, who saw the value in doing something for others without asking anything in return. Members of the local community, and the local council, expressed their gratitude for the students' efforts.



Mr Michael Doyle
Ministry Coordinator





ATTENTION YEAR 9 STUDENTS

Burn Bright Australia

Burn Bright is a for-purpose, not-for-profit organisation, that works solely to empower and engage young people. They partner with schools to deliver highly dynamic and engaging programs and workshops, that excite young people and help them to build solid foundations from which they can fly.

Peer Support Leadership Training Day for all Year 9 Students

- Please encourage your child to attend this extremely worthwhile course. All students are expected to attend.
- It will be held at school on Wednesday 28 November, 2018.
- The cost will be \$27 per student. This cost includes the professionally presented program plus lunch. Payment can be made on Qkr app.
- Permission notes are available from your Tutor Group teacher or the front office.
- Money and note to be in as soon as possible.

Any questions email Mrs Libby Lucas on

libby.lucas@mn.catholic.edu.au

Mrs Libby Lucas
Student Support Coordinator



Year 11 News

Halogen Young Leader's Day

Tom Fairleigh's reflection on the day.

On Friday, 2nd of November the 15 self-nominated candidates for College Captaincy attended the Halogen Young Leader's Day in Sydney. This event, aimed to establish in us, as the future leaders of the world, the qualities that are needed to make a difference in our increasingly globalised world. The speakers throughout the day vividly recounted the individual adversities and tragedies they had faced throughout their careers, and with their experience gave us advice on how to overcome any problem when faced with a challenge. One of the speaker's, Dr Jordan Nguyen, an innovator science and technology expert, asked us to be the leaders of a new revolution; one of artificial intelligence. He explained to us the importance of leading innovation in science and technology for the benefit of those most disadvantaged in our society; including the terminally ill and severely disabled. Most interestingly, one of his many inventions, enabled a chronically disabled patient to control and drive a car through only the control of his brain. In seeing so many tragedies turn to success, Halogen, which was attended by over 1000 students, has enabled us to understand that any set back, with perseverance, is always able to be overcome.



Lights! Camera! Action! The Year 12 Graduation Ball last Friday evening was a red-carpet event!

What a wonderful way to celebrate the ending of thirteen years of schooling. All the students looked amazing in their gowns and suits, parents were wiping away tears of pride, and staff were grinning from ear to ear with satisfaction at a job well done.

Thank you to Mrs Libby Lucas, Mrs Carolyn Hanley and other office staff whose time and effort brought together such a wonderful event. Thank you to NEX Newcastle who were very accommodating in their service.

We heard lovely words from our parent representative, Ms Jo Roberts, mother of James Parker, who told of her experiences with the St Paul's community over the past several years. Jo has kindly allowed us to print her speech in this Newsletter for your perusal.

A reminder that all Year 12 are invited back to school on Friday 14 December to share in a BBQ at 11am, in Holland Court. Looking forward to seeing you all there.



Mrs Cayte Pryor
Student Coordinator



Jo Roberts on Behalf of the Year 12 Parents and Families

(Mother of James Parker Year 12 2018)

Good Evening everyone

It's my honour to speak tonight on behalf of the parents of this Year 12 graduating class.

Being a parent is a privilege. It's one we all take seriously, and one which takes us on a journey full of joy, fun, frustration, worry and most of all - love.

As parents, we want our children to grow up healthy, happy and confident. So choosing a place where our children will spend six formative years of their young lives is a big decision. Bravely, we all took the decision to allow St Paul's to educate our children, and we have partnered with the school through good times and not so good times, always with our children's best interest as the priority.

Not only has this school educated them, it has guided, encouraged, mentored, reprimanded and cared for our children. Our decision six years ago, has resulted in these beautiful young adults before us tonight – the world at their feet, and them full of energy, ideas, passion, and a solid high school education.

My three children have all completed their high school education at St Paul's - Ellen graduating in 2014, Laura in 2016 and James tonight. They are all three very different people, and certainly each had very different high school experiences, just like each student here tonight has had different interests, needs, talents and dreams throughout their high school years.

It's a challenging task to educate and nurture students that are not all the same. St Paul's has done its best to cater for each of our children, whether it has been arranging a non-standard Music Industry TVet course, offering public speaking and debating opportunities, having a very dedicated Maths Teacher come in before school even starts, to teach maths, organising representative sporting opportunities for our talented athletes, arranging extra Art and Drama classes, Music collaborations, promoting many TVet and Vet courses, facilitating excursions, and so on.

Despite the variety of interests, needs and talents, St Paul's has provided endless opportunities for our children to shine. And, in times of disappointment, it has built resilience in our children.

Sadly, like many families here tonight, this will be my last St Paul's graduation night. On behalf of the parents and carers of Year 12 2018, I'd like to say:

Thank you to Mrs Pryor for caring for our children as if they were her own.

Thank you to Mr Selmes and the school executive for taking hard decisions when needed, and navigating our school through good times and bad.

Thank you to the support staff in the office and grounds. As parents, we appreciate that the school just doesn't run itself. So, thank you.

Thank you to fellow parents who have volunteered over many years at the school in different capacities.

To the teachers of our children. You are very special individuals whom we cannot thank enough. Our children's lives have been shaped by you and the impact you have had on them is real and significant. You will remain an inspiration to them for many years to come.

Finally, to the Year 12 class of 2018, your parents are immensely proud of you. Congratulations on your graduation tonight and we wish each of you every success and happiness in the future.

Thank you



Last week I had the privilege of publicly congratulating our Aspire Team of 2018 at our Whole School Assembly, whilst this week I have the honour of congratulating our successful applicants for the Aspire Team of 2019! It is with great pride that I am able to announce that the following students have been invited to represent the college next year:



Junior Vocal Ensemble Kirrily Boslem Yr 7 Gabrielle Brady Yr 7 Luke Williams Yr 8	Drama Junior Ensemble Joseph Plumridge Yr 8
Senior Vocal Ensemble Georgina Roach Yr 9	Drama Senior Ensemble Holly Marks- Grey Yr 9
Stage Band Jordan Snowden Yr 10 Michael Pockran Yr 8 Zack Forsythe Yr 10	Dance Ensemble Charlotte Gilmore – Yr 12 Hannah Finley – Yr 11
Drama Junior Ensemble Joseph Plumridge Yr 8	

We wish you the best of luck in your Aspire journey and look forward to seeing the performance in 2019.

I would also like to reinforce that it is not too late to be involved in Aspire. Applications for the **Design Ensemble** are still open! If you are a creative person who wishes to learn more about design and/or the theatre industry then being a part of the Design Ensemble would be an invaluable opportunity for you. The closing date for applications is **Friday 7 December 2018, please see me for a form or see website <http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/teaching-learning/creative-arts/>**

Aspire are also offering a number of brilliant **workshops and competitions** for those students wishing to extend themselves and improve their performance skills. Please see the list and information below for opportunities in singing, dance and theatre. Feel free to see me for further information or for details on how to apply. The workshops are run by experts in their field and the feedback from past participants has been very positive!

Aspire Songwriting Competition

Entries Close Week 4, Term 1 2019

Workshop - Week 7, Term 1 2019

Showcase - Week 9, Term 1 2019

Catapult Dance

Junior Dance Workshops – 25th – 26th of February, 2019

Senior Dance Workshop – 27th of February – 1st of March, 2019

Junior Theatre Makers

Workshop – September 19th 2019



Congratulations to Kiara Conaghan!



Yr 12 Drama Student, **Kiara Conaghan**, has been selected for **OnStage!** OnSTAGE is a presentation and exhibition of group and individual performances and projects by HSC Drama students. The OnSTAGE season at the Seymour Centre is presented by the NSW Education Standards Authority and the NSW Department of Education. OnSTAGE acknowledges the most exemplary Drama Students in the state; Kiara is one of a small group of students who will have their Theatre Reviews exhibited at the prestigious event. Her selection is a tremendous achievement for her and a testament to her teacher, Mrs Cathy O’Gorman.



As well as acknowledging the hours of hard work and determination that Kiara put into her HSC, I would also like to thank Cathy for the support that she has given her Kiara. On behalf of the college, I thank you Cathy for the many Friday evenings, Saturday mornings and long days spent at school in your holidays that you willingly gave up to support Kiara in achieving this goal. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated and generous teacher as part of our community - we appreciate you!

For those wishing to attend in support of Kiara’s achievement, OnStage will officially open at the Seymour Centre in Sydney from the 9th of February, 2019.

Miss Sarah Adams
Leader of Pedagogy – Creative Arts and Languages (Acting)



ASPIRE MUSIC, DANCE, DRAMA SONG COMPETITION 2019

This year's songwriting competition offers two starting points for aspiring songwriters to explore as they get creative.

LIST

A number of connected items or names written or printed consecutively, typically one below the other.

ASPIRE 2019 is going to be inspired by lists. This theme will flow through its characters and storylines. As you prepare to get creative on this topic maybe think about different types of lists we make, shopping – bucket, pros and cons and why we make lists.

HERO

A person who is admired for their courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities.

There may well be a few heroic characters in ASPIRE 2019. Using this theme as your starting point think about everyday heroes as well as the super variety. What does it take to be a hero and who are heroes to you?

WEEK 8, TERM 4 2018

Entries can be uploaded to the ASPIRE website

WEEK 4, TERM 1 2019

Entries close

WEEK 5, TERM 1 2019

Shortlisting of entries

WEEK 7, TERM 1 2019

Workshopping of shortlisted songs

WEEK 9, TERM 1 2019

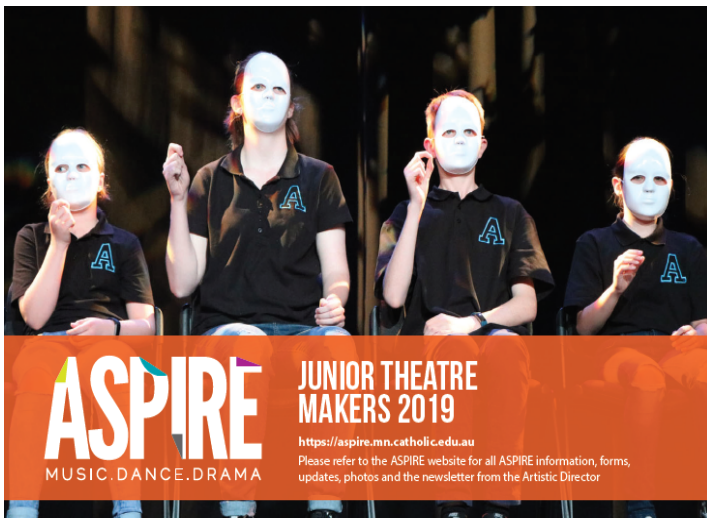
Songwriters Showcase Performance where the winner will be decided (Wednesday 3 April 2019)

As with last year's competition after entries close, shortlisted finalists will have the opportunity to workshop their song with professional musicians. The winner will be decided at a live concert where a panel will judge the songs. This year there will be both a primary and secondary winner, both of whom will receive a \$300 Museo's Corner Voucher and have their song professionally recorded at Tommirrock Studios. The songs will then be used in the promotion of the 2019 ASPIRE production! For this year's winner visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXQjtrf0DIA>

HOW TO ENTER

Video or record yourself singing and/or playing your composition, even if this is a work in progress, and save it as an mp3 file. Attach a copy of your lyrics and music e.g. the chords you play with your song. However, writing out your song isn't compulsory. We really want to hear your song! You will be able to enter and upload your files to the ASPIRE website from **Week 8, Term 4 2018**.

aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au



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JUNIOR THEATRE MAKERS 2019

<https://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au>

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THURSDAYS IN TERMS 2 AND 3 IN FOUR DIFFERENT LOCATIONS ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Locations:	St Pius High School Adamstown	St Bede's Catholic College Chisholm	St Joseph's High School Aberdeen	St Clare's High School Taree
Time:	4.00 pm – 5.30 pm	4.00 pm – 5.30 pm	4.00 pm – 5.30 pm	4.00 pm – 5.30 pm

ASPIRE's Junior Theatre Makers Ensemble for Years 5 – 8 is again offering creative drama programs across the Diocese in 2019 throughout Terms 2 and 3.

Term 2 will be all about learning and skills with a focus on play building. Ensemble members will work through an array of exercises relating to character, physical and image based theatre. The ensemble will be led by a local theatre expert and will also receive two workshops from ASPIRE Artistic Director Anna Kerrigan.

Term 3 will be spent creating an original short performance piece which will be performed on **Thursday 19 September 2019 at the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre**. All four groups will come together to rehearse for the day before performing an integrated piece that evening.

This is a great opportunity to learn in a fun environment with like-minded students. Places in the program are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Course Cost: \$250 (scholarships are available for those in financial need)

To reserve your place please complete a booking form online at the ASPIRE website <https://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au> or call Anne Atkins on 02 4979 1331 for more information.

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CREATE CHOREOGRAPHIC PROJECT

<https://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au>

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ASPIRE is collaborating with internationally recognised Newcastle-based company Catapult Dance again in 2019.

Building on the success of 2018's program, the Create Choreographic Project will offer students enrolled in schools in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle the opportunity to participate in an intensive contemporary dance and collaborative choreographic program.

Students will be provided with a dance and performance art experience that is inclusive, non-competitive, creative and collaborative, and that reflects the working processes of the professional industry. Students will be encouraged to have a voice, and present their thoughts and ideas in a live theatre setting at the end of the program.

The Create Choreographic Project will run from 25 February to 1 March 2019. Dancers will be split into Junior (Years 4-6) and Senior

(Years 7-12) groups to create an original piece to perform. They will work alongside professional choreographers at Catapult Dance's studio in Newcastle West.

Secondary students need to have dance training. Primary students must have a genuine interest in and flair for dance, but don't necessarily have to attend dance lessons outside of school.

Students can register for the program by filling out an application form, which must be signed by a parent/carer and teacher from their school. Please forward completed forms via email to anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au

Scholarship places are available for students in genuine need of financial assistance. Please contact Anna Kerrigan for further information.

PROJECT DATES

COST

Level	Dates	Time	Cost
Junior	25 February 2019 – 26 February 2019	9.00am – 3.00pm	\$50.00
Senior	27 February 2019 – 1 March 2019	9.00am – 3.00pm	\$75.00

To register please complete the form overleaf and return to Anne Atkins anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au or call Anne Atkins on 02 4979 1331 for more information.

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CREATE CHOREOGRAPHIC PROJECT REGISTRATION FORM

Student name: _____ Year: _____
 School: _____ Student email: _____
 Parent/carer name: _____ Parent email address: _____
 Parent mobile number: _____ Address: _____

Why do you wish to be part of the ASPIRE Create Choreographic Project?

What dance experience do you have?

Signed (Parent/Carer): _____ Date: _____

Application supported by (school teacher within the diocese)

Signed (Teacher): _____ Date: _____

To register please complete the form and return to Anne Atkins anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au or call Anne Atkins on 02 4979 1331 for more information.

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ASPIRE DESIGN ENSEMBLE

<https://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au>

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ASPIRE is continuing to offer students the opportunity to be part of the design team for ASPIRE 2019. 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 Design Ensemble Director Gillian Rutherford, 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 7 December 2018. If you require further information please contact Anne Atkins by either phone (02)4979-1331 or email anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au

Students engage with the program at the commencement of Term 1 and the commitment will be as per the schedule below:

TERM 1

DATE	TIMES	VENUE
Tuesday 5 February 2019	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 12 February 2019	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 19 February 2019	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 28 February 2019	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 5 March 2019	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 12 March 2019	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 19 March 2019	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 26 March 2019	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 2 April 2019	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 9 April 2019	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown

TERM 2

DATE	TIMES	VENUE
Tuesday 30 April 2019	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 7 May 2019	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 14 May 2019	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 21 May 2019	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 28 May 2019	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 4 June 2019	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 11 June 2019	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 18 June 2019	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 25 June 2019	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 2 July 2019	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown

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TERM 3

DATE	TIMES	VENUE
Tuesday 23 July 2019	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown

HOLIDAY REHEARSALS

DATE	TIMES	VENUE
Thursday 18 July 2019	9.30 am – 4.00 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Friday 19 July 2019	9.30 am – 4.00 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown

WEEKEND REHEARSAL

DATE	TIMES	VENUE
Sunday 21 July 2019	9.30 am – 4.00 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Sunday 28 July 2019	9.30 am – 4.00 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown

PRODUCTION WEEK AND PERFORMANCE WEEK

DATE	TIMES	VENUE
Sunday 28 July 2019	8.00am – 5.00pm	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Monday 29 July 2019	8.00am – 5.00pm	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Tuesday 30 July 2019	Dress Rehearsal 8.30 am – 5.00 pm	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Wednesday 31 July 2019	First Show Performance Call Time 9.30 am	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Thursday 1 August 2019	Second Show Performance Call Time 9.30 am	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Friday 2 August 2019	Third Show Performance Call Time 9.30 am	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Friday 2 August 2019	Fourth Show Performance Call Time 5.30 pm	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Saturday 3 August 2019	Fifth Show Performance Call Time 9.30 am	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Saturday 3 August 2019	Final Show Performance Call Time 5.30 pm	Civic Theatre, Newcastle

To reserve your place please complete a booking form online at the ASPIRE website <https://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au> or call Anne Atkins on 02 4979 1331 for more information.

ASPIRE

Please see each flyer and application form on website <http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/teaching-learning/creative-arts/>





Career Thought of the Week:

“The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will.”



Vincent T Lombardi

Important Changes for Entry into Medicine



For students intending to sit the UMAT in 2019 for entry to university in 2020, the test is changing. From 2019, the UMAT will be replaced by a new test, the UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test).

So, current Year 11 students who were intending on sitting the UMAT next year are advised that they will instead need to register for and sit the UCAT.

QUICK FACTS:

- the UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) is a 2-hour computer-based test
 - the UCAT will be offered on a choice of dates throughout the month of July 2019, rather than on one single date
 - some pathways to medicine/dentistry/clinical sciences will not require the UCAT and some courses may require another test
- institutions that will require the UCAT are:

[The University of Adelaide](#) - Medicine, Dental Surgery, Oral Health

[Curtin University](#) - Medicine

[Monash University](#) - Medicine

[The University of Newcastle](#) / [University of New England](#) - Joint Medical Program

[The University of New South Wales](#) - Medicine

[The University of Queensland](#) - Medicine (provisional entry), Dental Science

[University of Tasmania](#) - Medicine

[The University of Western Australia](#) - Medicine (Direct Pathway), Dental Medicine (Direct Pathway)

[Western Sydney University](#) - Medicine

[The University of Auckland](#) - Medicine

[University of Otago](#) - Medicine, Dental Surgery

Students are encouraged to browse the following link for more information [University Clinical Aptitude Test](#)

World Economic Forum Jobs Landscape 2022

The job titles are new, and vague. The overarching message from this [2022 Jobs Landscape](#) is that information technology skills are the way of the future.

Top 10 Emerging	Top 10 Declining
1. Data Analysts and Scientists	1. Data Entry Clerks
2. AI and Machine Learning Specialists	2. Accounting, Bookkeeping and Payroll Clerks
3. General and Operations Managers*	3. Administrative and Executive Secretaries
4. Software and Applications Developers and Analysts	4. Assembly and Factory Workers
5. Sales and Marketing Professionals	5. Client Information and Customer Service Workers
6. Big Data Specialists	6. Business Services and Administration Managers
7. Digital Transformation Specialists	7. Accountants and Auditors
8. New Technology Specialists	8. Material-Recording and Stock-Keeping Clerks
9. Organisational Development Specialists	9. General and Operations Managers*
10. Information Technology Services	10. Postal Services Clerks.



Careers Advisory Service

Friday 14 December, Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 December 2018. 9am to 5pm.

The Careers Advisory Service is a professional, friendly and impartial telephone, email and chat service with experienced NSW school career advisers.

This is a free service offering professional, friendly and impartial advice following the release of your HSC results.



Attention Year 12 Students

Important Dates to Remember:

- **HSC – results released by NESA** – Thursday 13th December 2018
 - **ATAR – released by UAC** – Friday 14th September 2018
- These can be accessed online – you need a separate PIN for these.
- **NESA PIN** – you need to activate your account – see <https://studentonline.nesa.nsw.edu.au> and set up a PIN
 - **UAC PIN** - will be emailed by UAC to the email address on your NESA Confirmation of Entry form. This should be a Non-school email account such as gmail etc.

Offer Rounds

The most important offer rounds for Year 12 students are:

Thursday 15 November 2018 - SRS Offers will be made (with subsequent early offers made on **November 29** and **December 6**)

December Round 2 - **Thursday 20 December 2018**, after ATARs are released January Round 1 - **Friday 11 January 2019**

Year 10 Careers Folder Checklist 2018

A reminder that all Yr. 10 Careers Folder Checklists are due at the end of this week, with an accompanied reference. Any student having difficulties with this submission date is asked to see me by the end of next week. Students can access this checklist from their school email accounts.



Careerlinks Employment Links-Reminder

I have had a lot of interest this year from students in Yrs. 10,11 and 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.

Important Dates for Term 4 2018

- 28th Nov- Yr10 University Visit
- 30th Nov AMOW Yr. 10
- 3rd Dec- 6th Dec- Yr10 Senior Interviews
- 10th Dec-12th Dec Yr10 Alternate Program
- 13th Dec-HSC Results released
- 14th Dec- ATAR BBQ

Casual Positions/Employment Links:

These are ready to view on MN Connect-School Portal. These are also emailed to students in Yrs. 10-12 through their school email accounts.

Mr Craig McLoughlin



Leader of Pedagogy-Vocational Education/Careers



Opening Hours for Payments to the Finance Office

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

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

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

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www.booragul.catholic.edu.au

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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.

Like to pay fees by Bpay weekly, fortnightly or monthly?

Visit the new St Paul's website for a user friendly Fee Calculator....

Please remember to include any future sport buses for 2018 or Year 11 Term 2&3 Elective Fees

<http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/about-us/finance/fee-calculator/>

If you require your full 2018 school year fees, please email finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au

Mrs Betty Harris—Finance Officer

finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au



Canteen Roster



Monday 26 Nov—Friday 30 Nov

Mon	Karen Gilmour, Fiona Wood
Tues	Susen White
Wed	Sara Ashmore, Teresa Tanks
Thurs	Nicole Ferry, Paula Douglas
Fri	Tania Egan, Kylie Powell, Caroline Hickey

Monday 3 Dec— Friday 7 Dec

Mon	Karen Lee, Kath Edwards
Tues	Vicki Blundell
Wed	Dianne Fennell-Fraser, Christine Forrester
Thurs	Rochelle Loveday, Nadine Steenson
Fri	Anne Negline, Kim McManus-Smith

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 4 2018

Wk 7	Tues 27 Nov	Year 7—2019 Student Orientation Day
	Wed 28 Nov	Year 9 Leadership Training Day
	Thurs 29 Nov	Year 10 UON
	Fri 30 Nov	Year 9 HSIE—Cabramatta
Wk 8	3 Dec —6 Dec	Year 10—AMOW—Periods 1-4
	Tues 4 Dec	Senior Interviews Year 11—2019
	Fri 7 Dec	Diocesan Youth Liturgy (TBC)
Wk 9	10 Dec—13 Dec	Years 7-10 Student Awards Ceremony
	10 Dec—12 Dec	End of Year Activities
	Thurs 13 Dec	Year 11 Alternate Class Program
		HSC Results
	Fri 14 Dec	Last Day for Students
		ATAR BBQ, ATAR Released

Please see website for further Calendar dates

<http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/news-events/events-calendar/>

Reception Hours for 2018

8.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Thursday
8.00am to 3.30pm Friday

Student Reception Hours for 2018

8.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday

Clothing Pool Opening Hours

8.30am to 9.30am Tuesdays Only

Clothing Pool will only be accepting donated uniforms.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

Years 7—10

Monday 10 December—Thursday 13 December

Student Information and Selection will be available in Week 7 and done through Qkr.

Please be aware that most activities will have a cost associated with them.



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Cate's Tutoring

Hi everyone! Getting a head start on 2019 for those that are interested in tutoring for yourself or for your kids in the next school year.

~ A bit about me! ~

I graduated from St Pauls High School in 2017 and I have been passionate about math and science since primary school. I am currently studying at the University of Newcastle enrolled in a Bachelor of Mathematics/ Bachelor of Science. I have tutored family friends in the past and really enjoyed it; I would love to branch out and tutor more students!

I tutor high school students of any grade, up to the HSC courses of Advanced Mathematics, Extension 1 Mathematics, Biology, and Chemistry.

- I can travel or have tutoring at my office in Coal Point
- Rates based on travel time

Contact me on **0459527875** or catherine_mackay@icloud.com if anyone has any questions! 😊

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