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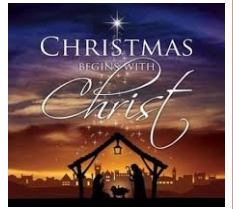
MERRY CHRISTMAS



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

As I write this newsletter I am very much contemplating how quickly this year has gone. It seems only yesterday that we were welcoming our new Year 7 cohort to the College and beginning the new year with excitement and for some, a degree of trepidation! On Tuesday last week, we hosted the new Class of 2019. We will have just over 160 students in Year 7 next year. On their orientation day, they learnt about the College, each other and what it will be like as high school students next year. I was able to spend a little time with them and it was wonderful to see their excitement as they began to get to know one another. I would like to thank Mrs Tracey Evans and her willing band of helpers who have worked so hard to make the day such a success.



The end of the year is coming very quickly. In the last newsletter, I spoke about the expectations for students as they finish courses and receive feedback from exams and assessments. We have the annual End of Year Activity block in the final week. Before that we have our final Academic Awards and Sports Award ceremonies along with Christmas Liturgy and final farewells for staff who are moving on to new schools in 2019. The Christmas Liturgy is a beautiful way to finalise our year as a Catholic Community. It allows us to think about the real message of Christmas. It gives a time to pause and think about the wonderful gifts of life and energy, spirit and family that we enjoy. It also allows us time to consider those of us who are not as fortunate. Our students and teachers have been raising funds and donating many gifts and food to go towards our annual St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal. I would like to thank all of our families who are giving so much to this important appeal. The gifts that you give go to families in our local area. It will help make their Christmas much brighter than it would otherwise have been.

Last week, our Year 9 students travelled to Cabramatta for the annual HSIE excursion. I was able to attend this day a couple of years ago and I must admit, it still remains one of my fondest memories. The day allows our students to immerse themselves into the culture, colour and noise of South-East Asia and the Sub-Continent. The day, organised by Mrs Belinda Flood and the HSIE team was wonderfully received by our students who engaged with the beautiful people of this dynamic part of Western Sydney so respectfully and personably. The students gained so much from this rich event.

As well, last week, Year 10 students attended the University of Newcastle Open Day. This gives the students an opportunity to gain an understanding of tertiary education and university life. For a large number of our students, university pathways is their goal. For others, it may not be the case. In saying that, it is important that we give all of our students the opportunity to explore possibilities so that when they make decisions about their own future pathways, these decisions are informed ones that they have made after looking at as many possibilities as they can. Thank you to Mr McLoughlin for the organisation of this day.

Our teaching staff are busily completing the marking of assessment tasks and exams. In the next week or so, they will be finalising the Reports for Years 7 to 10. We ask that you look at them carefully and discuss them with your child. In fact, the report, although written to the parent is really about the student's learning. Over many years, I have asked my students if they had read their reports. Many replied yes but a sizable minority replied no! It is vital that all students look carefully at their reports at reporting time and reflect on their own efforts and learning so that they can set goals for their future endeavours.

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As this is the final newsletter for the year, I would like to share this reflection with you.

In the hustle and bustle that leads up to our celebration of Christmas, many of us find ourselves asking, "What's it all about?" We sometimes wonder in the rush, the stress and the hurry, whether we have somehow missed the real meaning of it all. I have been pondering that question myself as I prepare for Christmas, and I hope that some of my reflections might help you to enter more fully into this celebration of the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Christmas is, first and foremost, about Love, God's Love. How much does God love us? God loves us so much that God gave us the most precious gift imaginable, Jesus, God's own Son. That's the heart of Christmas. This great and wonderful love calls us to love one another. We share love in and through our human relationships. Love isn't always a warm and cozy feeling; love is a commitment and a decision to stick by others, come what may, through thick and thin, when the going is easy and when the going gets more challenging. The love that we share in our human relationships is a reflection of the love of God, calling us to give of ourselves for others.

At Christmas, we remember that Jesus was born in poverty, in a stable among the poorest people and the farm animals. What does this mean for us today? You and I are called to look for the face of Christ in the poor, those at our own door and in places far from here. Love can look like a cup of coffee offered, a hand held, a smile shared, and a story heard. I firmly believe that, in the end, we will be judged by how we care for the poor. And Christmas is also about repentance and forgiveness. Love takes commitment and work, and sometimes we don't get it right. We're not perfect. But with God there is mercy and forgiveness, and second chances. And so must we offer those gifts to others. Christmas is a time of renewal, of fresh starts and coming together.

We often hear the phrase "Keep Christ in Christmas" and we wonder how to do that. I think that Jesus himself gave us the best insight; if you want to keep Christ in Christmas, look around you, and look for Him. He is here. Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, forgive the guilty, welcome the stranger, care for the sick, visit the imprisoned, and love your enemies. "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Merry Christmas to you!

In Christ,

Most Reverend Martin W. Currie, D.D.

Archbishop of St. John's

(Archbishop Currie is a Canadian Bishop from Newfoundland)

Have a lovely last few weeks and I hope and pray that the Christmas period and the lead-up is as gentle as it can be!

Go Gently.

Mr Graeme Selmes
Principal



STUDENT RETURN DATES

2019

THURSDAY 31 JANUARY - YEARS 7 & 11
FRIDAY 1 FEBRUARY - YEARS 8, 9, 10 & 12



Farewell to Staff

At the end of this year we farewell staff members that are moving on. We thank and farewell Mrs Valerie Huens - School Counsellor, Miss Jae Clarke - English Teacher, Mr Julian Pettinari - ICT Teacher and Mr Luke Carroll - Drama Teacher.



Mr Mark Redman has accepted a position at the newest Catholic College in the Diocese, St Bede's at Chisholm. After many years of wonderful service at St Paul's, we wish him well in this exciting new endeavour. Mark will be missed; his gifts in the technics domain have been a real blessing to us and I know that many ex-students still have family heirlooms that have been built with the guidance of Mark. Mark is taking a well-earned break in the next few days and will begin at St Bede's in January.

Ms Karen Poole has accepted a position at Warners Bay High for 2019. Karen has been working predominantly in the Languages domain. The students in her classes will surely miss her wonderful sense of fun and the excitement and passion she brings to her work. The study of languages is a particular passion of mine. I love the thought of being multi-lingual and being able to travel the world so seamlessly. Karen brings the world to us with her work and she will be missed next year.

Mr Jonathon Reynolds will be taking up a new position at St Pius X Adamstown for 2019, we wish him well. Mr Aiden Linehan has been successful in his application to teach at St Joseph's at Lochinvar. Ms Alana Bohatko and Ms Alana Daley will be teaching at St Peters at Maitland. In 2019, as reported in a previous newsletter, Mr Nicholas Moroney will be taking up the position of Studies Coordinator – Mathematics at St Bede's at Chisholm. His replacement at St Paul's is Mr Jeffery Larsen. Ms Sandra Michie will be returning to St Paul's after a year at St Mary's in Maitland. Ms Roisin McVeigh will continue in at the CSO leading a program for Middle Leaders in schools and Mrs O'Gorman will continue in the role of Assistant Principal – Teaching and Learning.

We also farewell Miss Sarah Lancaster. Sarah has worked at St Paul's for the past 3 years as our Pastoral Care person. She has been an invaluable asset to our welfare team and she has made a real difference to the lives of many of our students. We wish her well in her new job in the corporate world.

Mrs Trish Guy has worked at St Paul's since the early 2000s. She has been an integral part of our support team in the main office. Trish has decided to retire and as a result will formally finish at the end of the year. Trish has been one of the real foundations of our support team. Her dry wit and ability to see through to the core of the issue will be missed. We wish her well as she begins a new phase of her life of travel and family and thank her for her dedicated service to St Paul's.

Mr Trevor Henkel, our long term grounds person has also indicated that he will be retiring. He will be on leave for the remainder of this year and into the new year, formally finishing up after that. Trevor is our longest serving staff member, beginning at St Paul's when it was a very new school. He has witnessed great change and has been an integral part of every new building phase at the college. His knowledge of the plant and equipment that makes up this very complex organism will be greatly missed. He is looking forward to his retirement and being able to do more with his other passions including the continued restoration of his beautiful boat. We wish him all the best for this new journey.

Mr Ross Wilson has also indicated that he is retiring from teaching in the new year. Like Trevor, Ross will formally finish at the end of the academic year but will go on leave into 2019. Ross has been a long time servant of Catholic Education in this diocese, having taught in a number of high schools in the Maitland Newcastle area over his career. Ross is a quality educator and a fine practitioner. His expertise at the highest levels of English will be sorely missed. His work as a student coordinator has been second to none over many years. He has touched the lives of so many young men and women and I know that he still remains in contact with many of his students. His softly spoken nature combined with clear boundaries and high expectations have been the hallmark of his work. We thank Ross for all that he has done for so many people over the years and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

Mr Ross Bush will be on leave for 6 months. He is excited to be travelling with his wife and we look forward to his return in July 2019.

I am pleased to announce at this point the following Student Coordinator Roles:

Year 7	Mrs Tracey Evans
Year 8	Mr Sam Heagney
Year 9	Mrs Elisa Milajew
Year 10	Ms Kerrie-Lee Guest
Year 11	Mrs Cayte Pryor
Year 12	Mrs Blair Brownlee

As I write this final newsletter report for 2018 I wish to thank all students and families for the wonderful year that was! It has been an absolute honour to work with your children this year – whether it be in frank discussion regarding subject choices, career paths, difficulties in class, struggles of a personal or health nature, dreams, achievements and celebrations. I have genuinely valued the honesty of parents, your feedback and communication to me, your willingness to work with me in supporting your children in their journey with us at St Paul's. It has been a time of learning, both on a personal and professional level, and I have thoroughly enjoyed sharing the year with you. I wish also to acknowledge the support given to me by the Leaders of Pedagogy in 2018 – they are an amazing team of people to work in partnership with and I am grateful for their wisdom, their commitment and their courage – leadership is a challenging and rewarding task and I wish to recognise these leaders publicly. I also acknowledge the skills and commitment of all our teaching staff here at St Paul's. It is a privilege to work alongside each and every one. I wish all of you a Happy, safe and joyous Christmas and look forward to being part of your journey here at St Paul's in 2019.



YEAR 7- 10 REPORTS SEMESTER TWO

Year 7 - 10 Reports will be released next week and you will notice a few differences in how we are reporting this semester on student achievement. Earlier in the year, after much professional development and deliberation, we decided to construct our Semester 2 Reports around reporting against Standards/Grade Descriptors.

You will notice a few key differences in how the report looks. They will include for EACH SUBJECT:

- A Course Overview – this will give a clear outline of the content of the course including the knowledge developed, the skills students aimed to acquire and the assessment strategies used to assess the application of this knowledge and skills.
- Approaches to Learning – Engagement, Diligence & Behaviour (as per interim Reports in Term One)
- The Course Profiles (The syllabus outcomes assessed by the tasks)
- The Position within the Cohort achieved relative to the rest of the cohort
- The Overall Grade – A – E for the Subject

The Overall Grade indicates the level of achievement that the student has reached by the end of the semester, specific to the subject. These Grade Descriptors have been developed by teaching staff, based on NESA's Grade A – E Reporting Scheme. Students are reported against the descriptors – based on their *informal and formal assessment & teacher judgement* against the Standards/Descriptors. These Descriptors appear on the second page for each subject in the report.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the report, please contact St Paul's on 49586711 or email to admin@booragul.catholic.edu.au

Mrs Cathy O'Gorman

Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning (Acting)



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Years 7-10

2018

Semester Two

Awards

Ceremony

St Paul's Catholic College Hall Friday 7 December 2018

Our Semester Awards are a celebration and recognition of:

Academic Excellence—First in Course

Scholastic Achievement—Top 5% in Course

Outstanding Attendance

Consistent Effort and Improvement

Years 7 & 8 —9.10am—10.40am

Years 9 & 10—11.10am—12.40pm

The Awards Ceremony will be followed by our Christmas Liturgy,
Staff Farewells and Celebration

Welcome to the end of yet another school year.

School teaching finishes on Friday 7 December, followed by End of Year Activities which finish on Thursday 13 December. This is the last day of school for the year. Any absences before 13 December need to be covered by parental consent please.

You should have received an invitation to the **Semester Awards** ceremony which occurs on Friday 7 December. Please refer to this invitation for details on Ceremony times for your child if you wish to attend in email or on previous page.

Just a **few reminders to start the new year** which is 31 January for Years 7 and 11, and 1 February 2019 for all years:

- **School shoes** are to be black leather polishable lace-up school shoes. No boots or high tops. The instep must be completely covered to protect the foot.
- **Sports shoes** are to be proper supportive sports shoes – not canvas. Colour can be varied.
- **Facial piercings**, in any areas, are not permitted at school in Years 7-10.
- Try to get your child into a habit of **sleeping** at least 7-8 hours per night – without phones or devices. Remind them about the good old days of reading yourself to sleep. I have read much research into this area, and our children are sleep deprived and the consequences can be seen in the classroom, and I am sure you can see the effects at home also.
- Talk to your child about how they ended this year and how they hope to start the next year. What **goals** can they strive to achieve and how are they going to attempt to reach those goals. Who can assist them in reaching these goals besides themselves. Are they going to own this journey? What do they want to achieve?
- Speak to your child about **gratitude** and appreciation, particularly at this time of the year where there are many opportunities to be generous and thankful.



I wish you all well at Christmas and for the New Year.

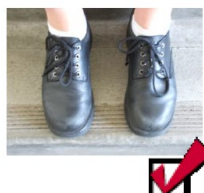
God Bless,

Mrs Cayte Pryor

Assistant Principal - Community & Wellbeing (Acting)



SHOE REQUIREMENTS



Year 9 News

Everyone had a great day at the Leadership Day last week. It was a pretty emotional day but also lots of fun. I am looking forward to students putting some of their ideas about positivity and inclusiveness into daily practice. A big thank you to Libby Lucas for organising and to Belinda Richardson for her help on the day.

We also had another great day in Sydney with the HSIE faculty. I think everyone had fun running around Cabramatta (many in their newly acquired hats) and learned a lot at the Sikh Temple.

The Awards Ceremony is this Friday as well as the Christmas Liturgy. After this it is End of Year Activities. There has been some silliness start in the last week, so I would urge all parents and students to have a chat about expectations. Students are reminded that whilst they are outside the school they must conduct themselves as ambassadors for St Paul's. They are also reminded that this is a really fun way to end the year that teachers put a LOT of time into organising. Poor behaviour and attendance will see the week revert to normal lessons in future.

We do have a few students who will be leaving us at the end of 2018. It is with sadness that we farewell **Zak Levy** and **Grace Newton**. We also say see you later to **Christopher Richardson** as he journeys to Spain for a 12 month exchange.



Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and I hope that you find some time to relax and enjoy some time off with your children. Thank you for all your support throughout the year. It won't be long now and we will be getting stuck into Year 10 in 2019!

Ms Kerrie-Lee Guest
Student Coordinator



Year 10 News

It has been an incredibly busy and challenging few weeks for Year 10 students, with final assessment tasks, a visit to the University of Newcastle, the All My Own Work program, Peer Mediation training and senior interviews, as well as normal classes. This is a gentle reminder that all students are expected to be in class up to and including Friday 7th December, as outlined in previous correspondence. Any absence needs to be explained in writing.

On our Challenge Camp back in May, we faced some physical, social and mental challenges and also saw the story of David 'Barney' Miller through the documentary 'You and Me'. Barney became a quadriplegic in a car accident at 20 years old and his journey is an amazing tale of tenacity, resilience, commitment and purpose. The story struck a chord with those on camp and as a teacher, it was remarkable to see the impact the story had on students. It certainly encouraged a different way of looking at things. It's always good to get a different perspective every now and then. We see how lucky we are, or perhaps we are able to see and appreciate the things other people do that help us. In this season of giving and reflection and as Year 10 completes their junior high school studies, I hope students take a moment to pause and be thankful for the many challenges they have and will face that will help shape them into the adults they will become. As well as appreciating the enormous amount of support they have both here at St Paul's and at home. As the film says: "What if you were able to look ahead into your life and see what lies ahead of you? What if you could see everything you accomplish, the success you become and the obstacles you have to face to get there, would you still go for the ride?"

Some more food for thought as we head into the festive season, with social gatherings left, right and centre. It's no secret or surprise that teenagers like to socialise, take risks and/or make not-so-smart choices. Here's an interesting read from Paul Dillon, the Director and founder of DARTA (Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia). The fact is that not all teenagers are drinking alcohol. Having a conversation with your child is a great place to start and the recommendation from experts is to involve parents and teenagers in the decision making process around rules. Some more strategies are given in the article, as well as links to a number of other helpful resources.

<https://doingdrugs-darta.blogspot.com/2015/10/parental-peer-pressure-and-alcohol-what.html?fbclid=IwAR0qsfOaMdOunXHhQn0rby6s7L1ATvzJWamtnW2b1X5oa-mscpN2YDd1mpg>

Finally, I encourage all Year 10 students to enjoy these last few days of lessons and look forward to celebrating our achievements on Friday at the Awards Ceremony. It has been a pleasure being the Year 10 Student Coordinator this year and I wish all students the very best for their future. I will be moving to the role of Year 7 Coordinator for 2019.

Remember to "be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about".

Take care,

Mrs Tracey Evans
Student Coordinator



Year 9 Geography Cabramatta Fieldtrip

Year 9 recently travelled to Cabramatta and the Sikh temple at Glenwood as part of the Changing Places topic and the study of migration. Students explored the central business district of Cabramatta to gain an insight into the Vietnamese experience and were also treated to a tour and meal by the very generous people at the Sikh Temple. I would like to thank the teachers and support staff involved in this long and worthwhile day and commend Year 9 on the enthusiasm and manners shown in Cabramatta and at the Temple.

These are a few of the comments from students about the trip:

"I found that the field trip to Cabramatta was fun and very exciting. The food in Cabramatta was amazing! and the Vietnamese people were very friendly and extremely lovely to us. I loved learning about the Sikh Temple and really enjoyed the food that they gave us." - Charlotte Pratt

"It was eye opening." – Emma Downie

"I would've liked more time in Cabramatta but I thought it was fun." - Emily Fatches

"Good stuff." – Charli Jevtic

"Excellent" – Milani DaSilva

"I enjoyed the excursion but the Cabramatta part didn't have enough time. The Temple was nice though." - Wyeth Scott

"I enjoyed the field trip." – Phoebe Stivano

"I thought the bus trip was really fun." anonymous

"The trip to Cabramatta provided not only an insight into immigration and multiculturalism in Australia, but also an insight into how Cabramatta has changed due to both Australian and Vietnamese influence. This is an extremely eye-opening experience because of the change in culture and environment witnessed when coming from the Lake Macquarie area to visit and observe the effects of immigration in Cabramatta." anonymous





FIRST CLASS EXHIBITION 2019 – Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery

Congratulations to Abbey Nugent! Abbey’s HSC Visual Arts Body of Work has been selected for inclusion in the the exhibition **First Class 18**, a **Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery** project curated by Courtney Novak and Helen Willis.

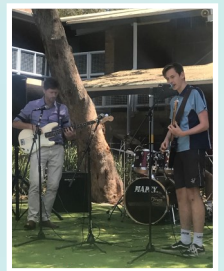
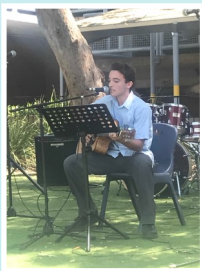
“This year, the gallery received a record number of submissions from schools across the Hunter and Central Coast Regions. This means that competition for selection was exceptionally hard this year. The curators recognise the commitment and talents of all the nominated Visual Arts students in producing such outstanding works and also acknowledge the strong commitment made by teachers and parents. This is reflected in the high quality of the submissions, making the nature of the pool of entries very competitive.”



Again, well done, Abbey! It is a significant achievement to have made this final selection. You are all welcome to come to the opening on **Sunday 10 February, 2019 at the Gallery.**

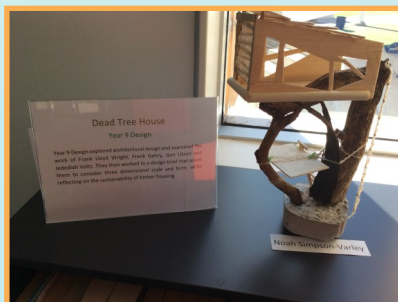
Lunchtime Concert on the Grass

Last week the St Paul’s Community were treated to a Lunchtime Concert on the Grass. It was a relaxed affair show casing some of our talented musicians who played a few of their favourite pieces for the audience. A big thank you to all the performers who had the courage to share their passion with us, the set was outstanding! I would also like to thank Miss Heads and Mr Pearse for supporting our musicians and setting up the show.



Pop Up Exhibition - Tree House Designs

Last week, Year 9 Visual Design Classes 1 and 2 created a ‘Pop-Up Exhibition’ in the Damascus Centre featuring their Tree House Designs. Students have worked very hard all term creating their designs, and have immensely enjoyed the exceptionally hands on task. Students were challenged to only be allowed to use a neutral pallet and mainly natural materials in the construction. Students also faced the challenge of stabilising their structural support in concrete before it set. They then had to ensure that their Tree House did not become too heavy to be supported by the base and that the weight was evenly distributed so as not to unbalance the design. A big thanks to Mr Beezley and his fantastic work in developing this unit, it was clear that our students were engaged and challenged by this learning experience. The Pop-up Exhibition will remain on display until the end of term.



Miss Sarah Adams

Leader of Pedagogy – Creative Arts and Languages (Acting)





State Basketball Report

For the first time in a few years a team from St Paul's qualified to play in the state finals by finishing first or second at the diocesan tournament held in August. Our year 9/10 girls team qualified by being runners up at this carnival and headed to Windsor last week to compete. We were fortunate to be able to add a year 7 girl who has great basketball talent to a team that had lost a few members due to other commitments – I would like to thank those girls who helped the team make the diocesan final, but were unable to make the trip for state finals. Some enthusiastic training sessions leading up to the carnival gave the team hope that we could do well at the finals. We were not expecting to win, but were more focused on the experience of playing at this level, particularly the 8 out of 10 team members who are not basketballers, but play a number of other sports outside school. We travelled to Windsor on the Sunday night as we started our first game at 10am on Monday. Our first game saw us play a very tight game with the lead switching between the two teams a number of times. We lead the game by 4 points with 4 minutes to go, but couldn't sustain the momentum and ended up losing the game by 2 points. Our second game of the day followed a similar pattern with the lead changing a number of times throughout the first half, before we took control early in the second half to run out 8 point winners. Our final game of the pool was against a traditionally strong basketball school in Leeton, and they proved too strong for us, running out winners by 15 points. These results saw us finish 3rd in our pool, a great achievement considering we weren't expecting to win any games. Day 2 of the competition opened with a game in the plate competition against McCarthy College from Tamworth. Unfortunately for us, McCarthy featured 4 representative players from the Tamworth area and they proved too strong for us, the final difference being 8 points. Thank you to Mrs Dunn, Mrs Harding and Mrs Gayler for assisting with transport and supervision for the 2 days – I greatly appreciate the assistance. I am proud of the way the girls played throughout the 2 days, especially those that are not basketballers, and enjoyed nearly every minute of the 2 days (the music at night – not so much).

Team List: Keeley Gayler, Larni Gayler, Jess Dunn, Raegan Dunn, Imogen Melder, Jade Harding, Summah Johnson, Holly Callaghan, Malaina Fuller, Gabby Smith.

Yours in Basketball

Mr Phil Cassel
Coach



St Paul's Catholic College

Sport Awards Assembly

Thursday 6th December 2018 at 2pm

(for 2:15 start).

Vietnam Immersion 2019 – SAVE THE DATE!

I am pleased to announce that the Vietnam Immersion will be held again in the Term 3 holidays, 2019. This is a change from the originally scheduled departure of 2020. The decision to bring the experience forward was based upon the need to rectify the clash with the Europe Trip. Both trips will now run on alternating years which provides financial relief to parents and guardians wishing their child to attend both experiences. The Immersion will be open to applicants from Year 10 and 11, Class of 2019. *Our current Year 10 Students who attended the recent trip will be allowed to apply for the next immersion as the Itinerary will be different.* Application forms will be distributed in Term 1, 2019, however, we are announcing the trip now so that you may plan your budgets for the coming year. The cost of the Immersion is usually around \$4250, this includes multiple international and domestic flights, accommodation, all meals (except at airports), private coach, our in country guides and assistants, airport transfers, tour shirts, gratuities and group tours. The exact cost will be finalised early 2019.

The Vietnam Immersion is more than a holiday, it is an adventure of a lifetime, an opportunity for students to step out of their comfort zones and challenge themselves. It is an opportunity for students to explore a different culture while providing meaningful service to others. Students will climb mountains, ride buffalos, trek to remote villages, experience homestays with ethnic minorities and kayak the most pristine environments in the world. Students will also be given the invaluable opportunity to engage in at least four different Community Service Opportunities, including a major project that they must work as a team to fundraise for, in the lead up to the trip. Major projects in the past have included building playgrounds, classrooms and other like facilities for significantly disadvantaged catholic communities.

The Vietnam Immersion is one of the most challenging but rewarding experiences that our students will undertake in their school lives. If you require any further information, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Vietnam School Tours Webpage: <https://www.vietnamschooltours.com.au/>

Vietnam School Tours Promotional Video : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPnTCDM1lak>



Miss Sarah Adams
Vietnam Immersion Organiser





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

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



QKR is a great way to pay fees and excursions



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:

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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.

Family Discount Form 2018

If you have not already returned, please return your 2019 Family Discount Form as soon as possible. We are unable to apply a family discount to your fees in 2019 if we have not received your form.

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 10 Dec—Friday 14 Dec

Mon	
Tues	Amanda Holt
Wed	Pamela Amos
Thurs	
Fri	Pupil Free Day

Canteen Supervisor:

Carolyn Phone - 4946 3115

Canteen Hours:

9.00am to 2.30pm

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

Canteen Helpers

2019

If you know anyone that would like to volunteer as a Canteen Helper in 2019, please ask them to contact Carolyn Stanton (Canteen Supervisor) on

4946 3115 or

4958 6711

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

Term 4 2018

Wk 8	3 Dec —6 Dec	Senior Interviews Year 11—2019
	Tues 4 Dec	Diocesan Youth Liturgy (TBC)
	Fri 7 Dec	Years 7-10 Student Awards Ceremony
Wk 9	10 Dec—13 Dec	End of Year Activities
	10 Dec—12 Dec	Year 11 Alternate Class Program
	Thurs 13 Dec	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

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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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