



Libere Christus Est  
**St Paul's**  
Catholic College  
Booragul



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

Last week we hosted our second Open Evening. The purpose of the evening is to showcase the College to prospective families who are considering the choices for secondary education for their children. As I said in previous newsletter articles, the College is in significant competition for student enrolments. The competition comes from well-resourced state schools, private schools that are faith based and smaller parent controlled colleges that have begun in the last few years. Competition is a good thing and it ensures that all the schools are able to offer quality education for the young people in our feeder areas.

The Open Evening was a great success. We had more families through this year than we did last year. In fact, we have already had an enrolment enquiry for the current Year seven cohort based on the event. Our staff did a wonderful job at showcasing their various key learning areas and the wonderful facilities that we have at St Paul's. However, it was the student volunteers that stole the show. We asked for students to help in a myriad of ways on the evening. From tour guides to performers, cooking demonstrators to barbeque chefs, it was clear that it was the work of these young men and women that made the difference on the night. The feedback that we received spoke about the passion of the teachers and the quality of the facilities, but the standout was the commentary around the young men and women and their obvious love and passion for their school. Well done and congratulations to our students for what they have given back to their place.

In the next week or so, we will be releasing the Term One Interim Reports. These reports are designed to give a quick snapshot as to the work that your children have done thus far. It will give you an indication of their work ethic and effort in their subjects for the first 8 weeks of the year. On the evening of 2 April, we will be hosting Parent Teacher Interviews for Years 7 to 10. This will be an ideal opportunity to speak with your child's teacher to discuss their progress based on the report. I always recommend that you bring your child to the interviews. It is vital that they are able to engage in the conversation about their learning. Likewise it is vital that your children have a good look at their reports so that they can see first-hand the areas that they can celebrate as well as the areas that they need to reflect upon. Year 11 and 12 will have a Parent Teacher meeting early in Term 2.

Congratulations to Michael Pockran, Jordan Snowden and Zack Forsythe who have made it through to the Finals of the Aspire Song Writing Competition. Along with seven other competitors from other diocesan schools, Michael, Jordan and Zack will perform their song at the Finals to be held at St Pius X High School on Wednesday 3 April. We wish them all the best on this wonderful achievement.

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The news out of Christchurch last week was beyond tragic. To have so many innocent lives destroyed by the act of a mad man is almost something that is too difficult to comprehend. The fact that the event was live streamed through social media is also a sad indictment of the modern world that we live in. A good friend of mine said that it was almost like the perpetrator was living out a live version of one of the disgusting online games that seem to have become part of the current norms these days.

Catholic Archbishop of Brisbane Mark Coleridge attended a prayer service at the Islamic College of Brisbane on Sunday, 17 March, which he described on his Facebook page as “a hugely heartening gathering”.

Coleridge continued: “Faith communities, political and civic leaders, police and many ordinary citizens of many different backgrounds were united in mourning the victims of the Christchurch atrocity, praying for their families and the wounded, and pledging solidarity beyond the evil of hatred and violence. As the young Muslim woman who was the MC said at the end, ‘Don’t go home with a heavy heart but with a heart full of hope’ ... we did.”

We pray for the victims of this tragedy and we also pray that the real message of Christ - to love one another - rings across the globe for all, but in particular, to our elected leaders and those that influence our young people via this new multi-media space.

Go gently.

*Mr Graeme Selmes  
Principal*



## International Women's Day

International Women's Day means different things to different people, but the global focus on equality and celebration is clear. St Paul's Catholic College celebrated IWD on Friday 8 March by holding a breakfast for Year 12 female students and all staff.



Gathering at 7.30am in the staff area/lawns, the day commenced with an Acknowledgment of Country by Astro Stewart followed by an opening address by Cathy O’Gorman, Assistant Principal T&L. Sharing some thoughts around IWD Cathy spoke about how throughout ancient and modern history, women have collaborated and led purposeful action to redress inequality in the hope of a better future for their communities, children and themselves. This powerful process of collaboration between women throughout history has resulted in a celebration of hope and action – in the form of International Women’s Day.

“In closing, equality means ensuring all people have equal opportunities to make the most of their lives and talents, and that no one has poorer life chances due to their background or status - the very core of International Women's Day. Equality can only be achieved if the diversity, differences and qualities of all peoples, regardless of gender, race or creed, are truly valued.”

Following the Welcome Address, the Keynote Speaker, Leah Gabolinscy presented her address to the gathering. Leah, the CEO of Lake Macquarie Private Hospital shared her journey from school through to her current position, highlighting the qualities of tenacity, courage, being kind to yourself and challenging students to “be kind to each other”. Leah faced significant challenges on her journey from childhood to her current position but shared with all her belief in the power of hard work, focus and surrounding oneself with positive people. The powerful presentation had a significant impact and all present and the community was deeply grateful to Leah for sharing her inspirational story.

Following Leah’s speech the Year 12 Community & Family Studies class gave a short presentation on the nominated charity for the day – *Share The Dignity* - and highlighted the need for awareness of the position some women find themselves in – with little or no money for personal hygiene items, sometimes keeping young women out of school due to what is known as “period poverty”. You can learn more about this charity at:

<https://www.sharethedignity.com.au/>

SHARE THE *Dignity*

The morning was a true celebration of creativity and collaboration with funds raised in excess of \$300. From decorations, to an IWD soundtrack, flowers and food, the morning offered all members of the community a chance to see the power of women in action. It was a wonderful community celebration and all who attended came away changed by the experience.

**Mrs Cathy O’Gorman**  
**Assistant Principal—**  
**Teaching & Learning**



## Year 12 Important Dates for 2019

UAC Applications Open	- Wednesday 3 April 2019
HSC Timetable released	- Wednesday 1 May 2019
Trial HSC	- Monday 24 June - Friday 5 July 2019
Winter Sleepout	- Thursday 4 July 2019
St Paul's Day	- Friday 5 July 2019
Year 12 Final Awards and Graduation Ceremony	- Thursday 26 September 2019
UAC Applications Close	- Friday 30 September 2019
HSC Written Exams commence	- Thursday 17 October 2019
Year 12 Graduation Evening (NEX)	- Friday 15 November 2019
HSC Results Released	- Tuesday 17 December 2019
ATAR Results Released & BBQ	- Wednesday 18 December 2019

*Mrs Blair Brownlee*  
*Student Coordinator*



## Declaration of Code of Conduct

**During 2018 Catholic Schools Office updated and revised the Enrolment Policy, Enrolment Procedure and Conditions of Enrolment for all students attending schools within the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.**

**Late last year the Declaration form was sent to all existing parents to complete and return to the College. If you have not returned this form could you please do so before the end of Term One.**

Please follow the link below to view the updated documents:

<https://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/parents-community/h...>

- School Community Code of Conduct
- Conditions of Enrolment
- (Privacy) Standard Collection Notice
- Enrolment Policy and Procedure
- School Fees Policy and Procedure

The link below will take to you directly to the Declaration for Existing Parents

<https://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/media/48579/declaration-for-existing-parents-2018.pdf>

## YEAR 10 PEERS SUPPORT YEAR 7 TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

St Paul's Catholic College has had a long tradition of using our Year 10 cohort to work as Peer Support Leaders to help students of Year 7 transition into High School.

The Peer Support course runs during the fortnightly pastoral period in Term 1 and involves all year 7 students and 60 Year 10 students.

The four sessions cover topics such as: Getting to Know You, Resilience, Values and Responsibility & Consequences.

The photos below show the great relationship that has been established already this term.



**Mrs Libby Lucas**  
**Student Support Coordinator**





**ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE**

*Invitation*

**SENIOR SCHOOL  
INFORMATION  
EVENING**

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**MONDAY 8 APRIL , 2019 AT 6:30PM**

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*All Welcome*

**PRESENTED IN THE COLLEGE HALL  
TEA & COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED FROM  
6:15PM**

*"If I can imagine it, I can achieve it; if I can dream it, I can become it." – William Ward*

I am happy to say that the Year 9's have now completed their group documentary task in RE and presented some work of excellent value. I was impressed with the mature manner in which the individual students were able to function productively as a member of a team and produce work of substantial quality. There are a variety of task notifications on the student drive for most KLA's and it is advised that students plan their time wisely and communicate well with class teachers to reduce the stress of assessment items.

A reminder that the Year 9's will be involved in the alcohol awareness workshop on 4 April in the school hall for periods 4 and 5. The Smashed Workshop is dedicated to breaking the culture of underage drinking around the world. Through creative education, they equip young people with the information, awareness and confidence to make responsible choices around alcohol. They will present a Theatre in Education play which engages young people in a unique way, allowing them to explore the causes and consequences of underage drinking in a safe and motivational environment.

In addition, the Year 9 cohort will be attending a community day with Chris Doyle on Thursday 2 May, Week 1 of Term 2 at Redhead Surf Club. This activity is designed to build relationships and further develop the close friendships of the students in Year 9. It will compliment the work being completed in Pastoral Lessons on Respectful Behaviour.

It is important to acknowledge those students who helped or performed at the school open night. Congratulations and thank you for your energy and effort.

Elisa Milajew  
Student Coordinator and  
Religion Teacher



## Ministry News



We are now in our second week of Lent. As a community we have been celebrating this most holy time with reflections on how we can give 100% to those in need.

On Shrove Tuesday we kicked off our annual fundraising for Caritas' Project Compassion with a pancake stall raising \$56.

We marked the beginning of Lent with an intimate Ash Wednesday liturgy lead by our students.

Throughout the Lenten season we encourage everyone to demonstrate almsgiving by popping some loose change into the Project Compassion collection boxes to help raise much needed funds for Caritas mission work both locally and worldwide. These collection boxes are located in tutor group classrooms, the library, the student hub and student admin.

Looking forward, our Easter liturgy will be held on Wednesday 10 April.

It is tradition for students to represent our school by reading one of the stations of the cross held at Kilaben Bay. This year it will be held on Sunday 7th April at 3pm. If any students would like to represent our school community, please see me for further details.



Mrs Renee Pola-Kuras  
Ministry Coordinator



Students are certainly working hard and almost ready for a break – luckily holidays are only a few weeks away! Until then, all students are reminded to get started on assessment tasks as early as possible and they are also encouraged to seek help and clarification from their teacher about the requirements of a task. Students have received a paper copy of each assessment task that is currently active. Students and parents can also access these notifications via the student portal at Student Documents > Assessment Notifications 2019 > Yr 07 > Sem 1.

The Year 7 Assessment Policy and Schedule can also be found on the College website:

<http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/media/2230/year-7-assessment-policy-and-schedules-2019.pdf>, as well as the hardcopy that was distributed to students earlier in the term.

At this time, students are also encouraged to make sure they are looking after themselves and having a balance of work, rest/relaxation and social/leisure time. It is particularly important that students are getting enough sleep each night and eating properly. I encourage all students to make this a priority over the next few weeks, as the adrenalin and excitement of starting high school is starting to wear off and some students are looking tired and may not be making the best choices.

### **Hands off Policy**

Just a reminder that St Paul's has a very clear policy that promotes respect for other people and their property by students keeping their hands/feet/shoulders, etc. to themselves. This includes 'mucking around' and games involving pushing and shoving. These games are not to be played at the College and students have been spoken to about silly and unacceptable behaviour. There will be consequences for students that do not follow the rules.

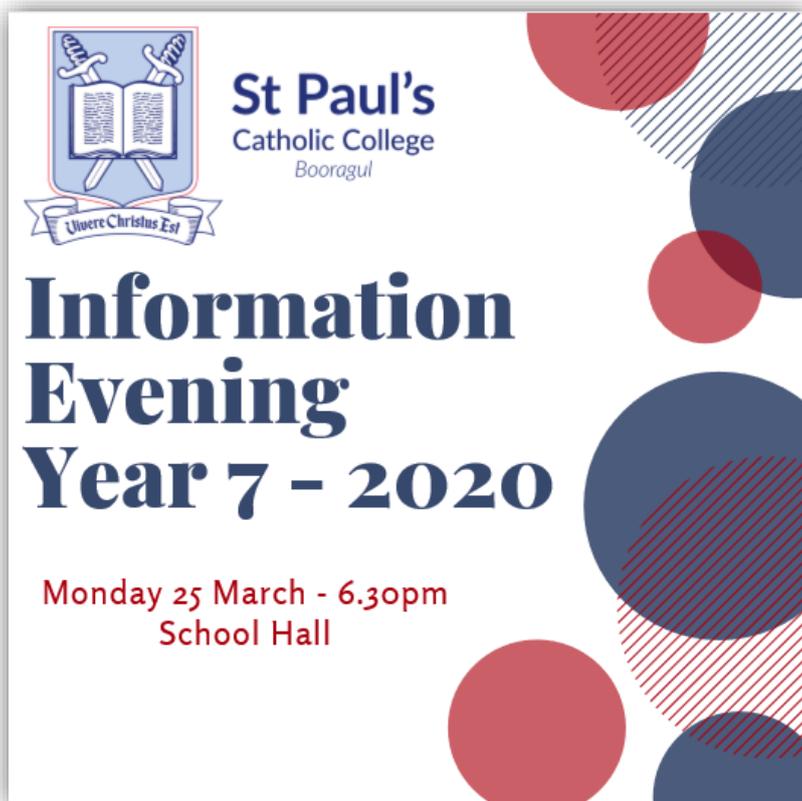
Best wishes to all students in their assessments and extra-curricular activities. Please share any achievements via email or phone - we want to celebrate each success.

*"Nobody's a natural. You work hard to get good and then work to get better."*

Paul Coffey (Former NHL player – ice hockey)

Take care,

Mrs Tracey Evans  
Student Coordinator



The poster features the St Paul's Catholic College Booragul logo at the top left, which includes a shield with a book and a banner that reads "Vivere Christus Est". To the right of the logo, the text "St Paul's Catholic College Booragul" is displayed. The main title "Information Evening Year 7 - 2020" is written in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below the title, the date and time "Monday 25 March - 6.30pm" and the location "School Hall" are listed in red. The background of the poster is white with several overlapping circles in red and dark blue, some of which have diagonal hatching patterns.

## Moving to NAPLAN Online



The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

### Secondary School Practice Test and NAPLAN Online Test 2019

All schools in the Maitland Newcastle Diocese will transition to NAPLAN Online this year. Students will need to complete a short Omnibus test in March to gain experience in using the online platform and for ACARA to test its functionality. The Online Tests will be held in May as in previous years.

**St. Paul's Catholic College will hold the practice tests on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.** ALL Year 7 & 9 will participate in these tests. Please ensure your child has their laptop device with them on this day and that it is fully charged.

The Readiness Test will ensure schools are ready to undertake NAPLAN Online in May 2019. It also allows students and teachers to familiarise themselves with the online system and experience the test delivery method.

The practice test is a 'dress rehearsal' for schools to prepare for NAPLAN Online. The practice test is NOT an assessment of student ability. The practice test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN Years 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

### What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

#### Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

#### Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

## Frequently asked questions

### Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test in MN schools?

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

### How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

### How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is only one omnibus test- a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

### How will students be prevented from using the internet or spell-checkers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-of-the-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spell-checkers while completing the test.

### Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.

## For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year.

Use the following link: <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment>

## Privacy

If you have concerns about privacy issues relating to NAPLAN Online, please contact the school.

Further details about how NESAC complies with NSW privacy laws, including a right to access and request amendment to your personal information, are available [here](#).

Information about how NESAC handles information for the purpose of NAPLAN Online is available [here](#).

Information about how NSW Catholic Schools comply with privacy laws is available [here](#).





## Career Thought of the Week:

*“Challenges are what make life interesting, and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful”*

*Joshua J. Marine*

## Year 10 Information Night –MONDAY 8 April 2019—6.00pm in the College Hall



A reminder to parents and students in Yr. 10 of our annual information night on Monday 8 April. This is a vital first glimpse of the preparation of Year 10 students as they move from Year 10 into their senior years of schooling. On the night information will be given on:

- ROSA/HSC - NESA requirements
- Careers – Programs in 2019
- Prospectus for Yr. 11/12
- Vet pathways
- Navigating Subject selection for HSC



## University Destinations

### Year 12- The Class of 2018

The following table is a breakdown of the University destinations for St Paul’s students from the class of 2018

While it is evident that Newcastle University is the favoured option it is encouraging that an increasing number are exploring other options. It was also interesting to examine not only the destinations but also the many varied courses our students chose as their career paths. Here are just some examples:

Teaching, Nursing, Sport Science Speech Pathology, Engineering, Business, Psychology, Business, Arts, Law, Science, Forensics, Social Work, Criminology, Theology, Environmental Science and Biomedical Science.

I think as a school this is something to be proud of, that school life can evoke so many different vocations and tertiary pathways.

As a cohort of 123 over 61% gained places in tertiary institutions across the state, this is of course not considering students who have deferred for a 2019 or are beginning Newstep. Congratulations and good luck to all our former students.

<b>UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS YR 12</b>	<b>%</b>
University of Newcastle	78%
University of Sydney	7%
Macquarie University	5%
University of NSW	4%
Charles Sturt University	3%
Southern Cross University	2%
Griffith University	>1%



## YR 10 Career Match Profiles 2019

Our current year 10 students are in the process of finishing their Career Profiles in Careers class. These serve as a good introduction of what careers are we suited to, and more importantly starts the conversations with themselves, peers and family regarding pathway options.

**MyCareerMatch** is based on proven behavioural and psychometric principals.

Employment studies have shown that personality is a contributing factor for career success and the closer the behavioural match between you and the job requirements, the happier, more successful you will be.

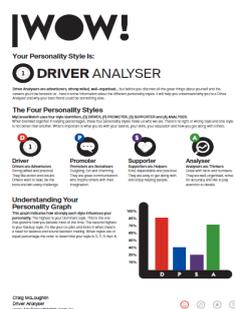
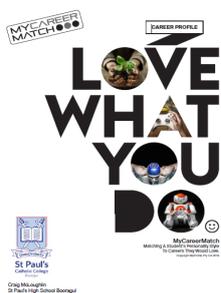
### Our Personality Style

There are four basic personality styles

**Drivers | Promoters | Supporters | Analysers**

When blended together in varying percentages these four personality styles make us who we are. Most people are a combination of two styles. The first style is a "Dominant Style", this is the one that governs how we behave most of the time. The second is a "Back Up" style, it's like our co-pilot and kicks in when there is a need for balance.

The final report is a comprehensive 14-page document that will be used later to develop students resumes and cover letters.



## Medical Career Planning



SW Health has compiled an extensive list of extremely useful fact sheets to assist students in making more informed career choices about the many careers in the health industry, and to ensure their career plans not only fulfil their personal aspirations but also align with the needs of the industry. Students keen on finding out more about *what the job is about, whether or not there is a shortage, etc.* are encouraged to browse the following link on NSW Health - [Medical Career Planning](#)

### Careers Emails 2019

It has come to my attention that some students are not accessing their school email accounts on a regular basis. I have stressed this to students in Yr. 10,11&12. It is important to at least have a look at their accounts once a week for all the Career opportunities. This section of the SPB Newsletter and Career Links Positions Vacant are emailed to students on a fortnightly and weekly basis. To ensure students do not miss out on opportunities please remind them to be diligent with this.

### SBAT Opportunities for Indigenous Students

There are currently School based traineeships available. These are linked with leading National companies like QANTAS, ANZ, Australia Post and many others. Apply below or for any further enquiries please call 1300 669 859.

<https://maxima.com.au/jobseekers/indigenous-employment/indigenous-careers/>

### Important Dates for Term 1 2019

**1st April- 12<sup>TH</sup> April VET Hospitality Work Placement**

**8th April- YR 10 Information Night**

### 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—Careers and VET**





## Aspire is coming to us !!

Exciting News for students in Year 7- 8!

ASPIRE Junior Theatre Markers Ensemble is going to run right here at St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul. Junior Theatre Makers is a creative drama program involving workshops by some of the Hunters most reputable facilitators. It is a sustained curriculum that leads to the development of a Production. Junior Theatre Makers will be through Term 2 and Term 3 at the college on Thursday afternoons from 4.00pm - 5.30pm. Places are strictly limited. There are fees involved, however, there are a number of scholarships available.

Please see Miss Adams for further information.

**ASPIRE** JUNIOR THEATRE MAKERS 2019  
MUSIC.DANCE.DRAMA  
<https://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au>  
Please refer to the ASPIRE website for all ASPIRE information, forms, updates, photos and the newsletter from the Artistic Director

**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

**NEW LOCATION: St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul**  
**TIME: 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.

## Congratulations Jordan Snowden, Zack Forsythe and Michael Pockran! Aspire Song Writing Competition Finalists

It is my pleasure to announce that our musicians Michael Pockran, Jordan Snowden and Zack Forsythe have made it through to the finals in the Aspire Song Writing Competition. This is an incredible achievement given the immense amount of competition in the Diocese. I would also like to commend them in the level of engagement that they showed in the Aspire Songwriters Workshop last week. A parent contacted me to let me know how supportive Zack and Jordan were of the other students, especially the Primary competitors. The boys were very giving of their time and their talents; jumping in and providing backing as well as encouragement. The parent said it was very heart warming to see the Primary Students approach the boys to shake their hands at the end of the day to thank them for all that Jordan and Zack had done for them. I felt incredibly proud to hear such wonderful words about Jordan and Zack and I would like to publicly thank them for representing us so well at the workshop. I encourage you to come and support the boys at the 2019 ASPIRE Songwriting Showcase Evening on Wednesday 3 April 2019 at The Factory St Pius X High School, Adamstown at 6.00 pm. Michael, Jordan and Zack will perform their song live and a panel of judges with the winner announced at the Showcase.

**ASPIRE**  
MUSIC.DANCE.DRAMA

SONGWRITING SHOWCASE EVENING  
**REALISING HEROES**

YOU ARE INVITED TO THIS YEAR'S ASPIRE SONG COMPETITION SHOWCASE. IN 2019, WE ARE OFFERING BOTH A PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PRIZE FOR THE MOST OUTSTANDING ORIGINAL SONG. STUDENTS WILL PERFORM THE WORKS OF THE SHORTLISTED FINALISTS WHERE THEY WILL BE ADJUDICATED BY A PANEL OF EXPERTS. THE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CEREMONY.

**WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 2019**  
The Factory Theatre, St Pius X Adamstown / 6pm  
**TICKETS - \$10**

RSVP Anne Atkins on 49791331 or email [anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au) to reserve seats. Tickets can be collected at the theatre before the performance. They will also sold at the door.

The song writing competition is an initiative of Catholic Schools Office ASPIRE (Marland - Newcastle Diocese). The Aspire Songwriting Showcase aims to foster and promote the talents of the Diocese's young songwriters.  
**JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE TALENTS OF OUR YOUNG COMPOSERS.**

## Catholic Schools Week Liturgy



Congratulations to our students in the vocal ensemble who sang at the Catholic Schools Week Liturgy. It was a very moving performance!



Georgina Roach performing at the Catholic Schools Week Liturgy.

## Vietnam Immersion Update

Thanks to all of you have applied for the Vietnam Immersion. I appreciate the time and effort that you have put into writing your Expressions of Interest. Unfortunately, we have not yet met the minimum number of eligible people that we need to ensure that we can run the experience. As such, I am not in a position to announce the team of eligible applicants until we reach the minimum number of people.

We have not given up hope yet! If you are considering being part of the Vietnam Immersion and have not yet submitted an application, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. I have had some interested students approach me concerned that their friends may not be coming and they are worried about being alone. This is an understandable worry but it would be a shame if this was the reason stopping you from taking part in a life changing experience. The nature of the trip surrounds you with like minded people and through the experiences you share together, new and lasting bonds are formed throughout the team.

Finally, if you were unable to attend the Parent Meeting but are still interested in applying, please see me for an Information Pack. It is not too late to submit your application.

I thank-you for all your support in this endeavour thus far.

Kind regards,

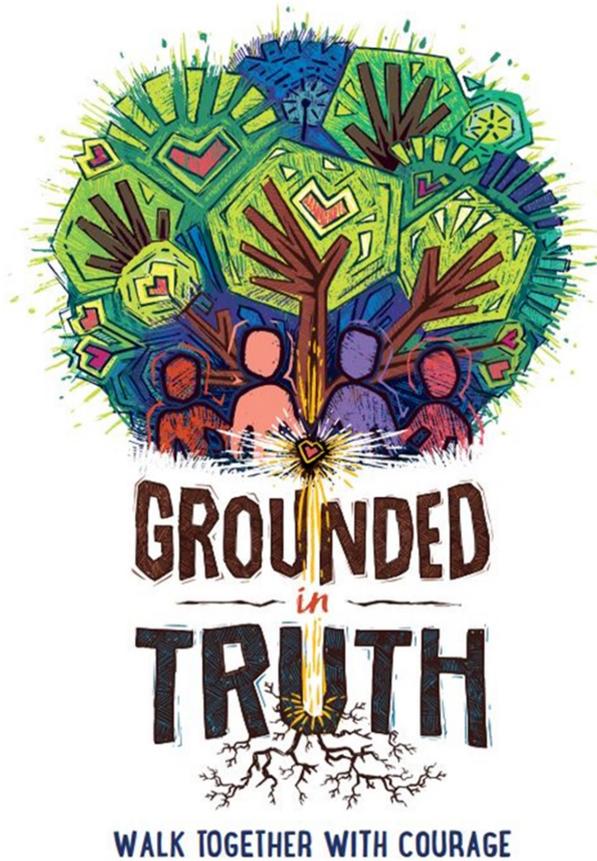
**Miss Sarah Adams**  
**Leader of Pedagogy –**  
**Creative Arts and Languages**



## Christine Anu – In Conversation and Song

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2019

27 MAY – 3 JUNE



We are please to announce that Christine Anu will be performing at the college on Tuesday, 28 May as part of our National Reconciliation Week celebrations. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The concert will provide our community to come together to celebrate the gifts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and our strength that we have as an Australian community

The event will involve all students from 7-12, with Christina performing for around 70 minutes. I would like to thank Astro for organising what I am sure will prove to be a memorable event for our community.

If you have any questions about the day, please feel free to contact me at the school.

**Miss Sarah Adams**  
**Leader of Pedagogy –**  
**Creative Arts and Languages**





## Year 11 Marine Studies Excursion

Friday the 8 March was a beautiful day for a snorkel at Fly Point Marine Park, Nelson Bay. An early start meant a slow, quiet trip to the bay but it didn't take long for everyone to wake up. On arrival wet suit fittings took place and then we met with the instructors. We discovered that wet suits were made from buoyant material and essential for warmth in the cold water. We also learned that flippers were key to manoeuvrability in a choppy harbour.

As soon as we put our faces in the water there was an abundance of marine life. There were plenty of large fish fit for your dinner plate such as snapper, bream and flathead but the highlight was the chance to encounter some more unique marine species. We swam with jellyfish, stingrays and an octopus as well as lue grouper and leather jackets. Some students were lucky enough to swim with a wobbegong shark in among the kelp and even come face to face (literally) with cuttlefish. We encountered marine species previously unknown to us such as the cornet fish and saw amazing fluorescent blue and purple underwater plant life.

We give this excursion a 10 out of 10 and we would definitely do it again.

Written by the Year 11 Marine students collective

Ms Sarah Daniels  
Marine Studies Teacher





## Diocesan Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March the cream of St Paul’s swimmers competed in the Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Lambton Pool. In a sign of the depth of the swimming talent at St Paul’s, the school relay teams competed in 8 relays, coming second in 5 of these events and third in 3. Individually, there were some fine performances from the following students who have now qualified for the NSWCCC Carnival in April:

- ✦ **Zoe Ingrey 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Butterfly, 100m Butterfly**
- ✦ **Ella Kohl 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Freestyle**
- ✦ **Angelina Joyce 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Backstroke, 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Butterfly**
- ✦ **Christine Connell 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Freestyle**
- ✦ **Demi Parsons 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Backstroke**

Congratulations to these students and I commend the entire St Paul’s swimming squad on their performances, their sportsmanship and the fine way they conducted themselves on the day.



**Mr Brad Melville**  
Sports Coordinator

 <span style="margin: 0 50px;">Term One Sport Dates</span> 	
<b>March</b>	21st March – Diocesan Team Tennis Entries due 22nd March – Closing date for CCC Golf 25th March – NSWCCC Hockey Selections (Moorebank)
<b>April</b>	2nd-3rd April – U’15 & Open’s Northern Division Rugby League Selections (Smithtown) 5th April – NSWCCC Swimming Championships (Homebush) 9th April – Diocesan Junior Football Knockout

Congratulations to Molly Callinan who is now competing at an elite level in State Interschool Equestrian. We appreciate that Molly is competing at a difficult skill level and performing well against tough competition. We appreciate the effort Molly is making to represent the school and the efforts of her mother to make this possible.

Below is a report on Molly's latest achievements, written by her mother Mrs. Lesley Callinan:

"Molly attended the State Interschool Equestrian Championships at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre on Sunday 10 and Monday 11 March.

Molly was riding the dressage stage of this competition. Riders are selected based on Equestrian Australia competitions and Interschool competitions with the riders with the highest aggregates making up the competitors. They take the top 35 riders in the state.

Molly was selected in the Elementary (the second highest level that you can ride at this competition) and Novice level to compete in the secondary division.

Molly competed in the Elementary 3B and Elementary 3C dressage tests on the Sunday, she was lucky enough to take home 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> place.

Molly competed in the Novice 2B & Novice 2C dressage tests on the Monday, with 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> place.

We are super proud of Molly and her pony"



Mr. M. Reville  
PDHPE Teacher



## Fast Facts about Catholic education in NSW

School funding is a complex issue and so it is easy for facts to be misrepresented in the media. Here are the facts about NSW Catholic schools and how they are funded.



### Catholic schools

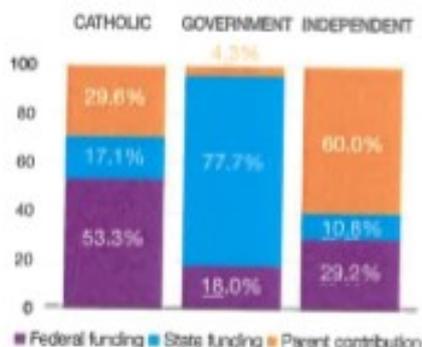
- Catholic schools have provided quality affordable education for Australian children since 1820
- Today there are 595 Catholic schools in NSW that educate approximately 255,000 students – that's 1 in 5 school students
- Catholic education is one of the largest non-government employers in NSW with more than 23,000 staff including 17,500 teachers
- Catholic schools are committed to supporting families no matter their economic or social circumstances. Our schools are open to all students – Catholic, non-Catholic, poor, wealthy, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and those with a disability
- Enrolments of students with a disability and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students have been the fastest growing segments in NSW Catholic schools for the past 20 years
- Catholic schools teach the curriculum set by the NSW Education Standards Authority and operate under a range of government legislation and regulations. Our schools are highly accountable to governments, parents, Church authorities and the Australian public

### School funding

- Catholic schools receive funding from three sources



- In 2016, NSW Catholic school families contributed almost \$1.2 billion in fees to their children's schools
- The primary funder of Catholic schools is the Federal Government. The primary funder of government schools is the NSW Government



- Catholic schools strive to keep fees affordable for families so that a Catholic education remains accessible to all. Without government funding, families would need to pay around \$13,000 per year, per student for a Catholic education

### Capital funding

- In 2016, in addition to paying for annual school fees, Catholic school parents raised \$316.5 million in capital contributions – to build, expand or upgrade Catholic schools
- In NSW Catholic schools, it is expected that student numbers will increase by 10,000 over the next three years. This will require up to 11 new schools and the expansion of 41 existing schools. Government support is critical to ensuring we can meet this future demand

More information:

(02) 9287 1514 @ office@ccsp.catholic.edu.au @CCSPNSWACT @cathschoolparents  
www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au

## From the Finance Office

Please note: All 2018 fee agreements are now void. Please phone to make an appointment with Mr Selmes to discuss your 2019 fees, if needed.

For all Finance enquiries please use the following email address: [finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au](mailto:finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au)

To calculate your Weekly, Fortnightly or Monthly payment amount, please go to our Website and use the calculator. <http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/>

If you have not already done so, please ensure I have copies of relevant updated Health Care / Pension Cards.

Also, if you have not completed 2019 Family Discount and Diocesan Pastoral Contribution Form, please follow the link to the Website above to download, complete and return to college office.

**Mrs Betty Harris—Finance Officer**  
[finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au](mailto:finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au)

### 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 all 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:

**For more information about QKR visit our website**

[www.booragul.catholic.edu.au](http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au)

#### 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

Taronga Zoo—Year

26 March

Payment QKR 21 March

# Canteen Roster

Monday 25 March— Friday 29 March

Mon	Karen Lee
Tues	Christine Bathman
Wed	Dianne Fennell-Fraser
Thurs	Rochelle Loveday, Nadine Steenson
Fri	Anne Negline, Susan Noonan, Kim Manus-Smith

## Monday 1 April— Friday 5 April

Mon	
Tues	Amanda Holt
Wed	Joanne Bower, Pamela Amos
Thurs	Michelle Hall, Kylie Smith, Sharon Roberts
Fri	

## Monday 8 April— Friday 12 April

Mon	Lisa Kelly, Kristy Baker
Tues	
Wed	Linda Gesell
Thurs	Debbie Parker, Mel Dobosz, Claire Mattheews
Fri	Sheree Roarty, Carol Crabbe

### 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 2019

Wk 8	Thurs 21 March	Year 11 Legal Mock Trial
Wk 9	Mon 25 March Tues 26 March Thurs 28 March	Year 6 2020 Information Evening U13's Rugby League—Windale Year 8 Taronga Zoo Excursion Naplan Online Readiness Test
Wk 10	Mon 1 April Tues 2 April Thurs 4 April Fri 5 April	Pupil Free Day P/T Interviews 7-10 U16's Girls Rugby league Rugby Gala NSWCCC Swimming Championships
Wk 11	Mon 8 April Tues 9 April Wed 10 April	Year 10 Senior Information Evening Year 11/12 Legal Excursion Dio Jnr Football Knockout NSWCCC Touch Championships Easter Liturgy

Please see website for further Calendar dates

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

### Lost Property

A Mimco watch was handed in to Student Reception last year. If you lost one, please check.



### The Vinnies Shop

Primrose Street, Booragul

Phone 4958 2814

Don't forget to visit the volunteers at St Vinnies, Booragul, for great clothing and household bargains.

### Reception Hours for 2019

8.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Thursday

8.00am to 3.30pm Friday

### Student Reception Hours for 2019

8.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday



The Canteen is in need of volunteers

Please phone Carolyn if you can help!

All volunteers must have a Working With Children Certificate

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To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.



**Contact**  
Cynthia Culhane  
your local Saver Plus  
Coordinator

**Phone**  
02 4032 4703  
1300 610 355

**Email**  
cynthia.culhane@  
thesmithfamily.com.au

**Web**  
www.saverplus.org.au



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MAY 2017



## WHAT IS SAVER PLUS?

Saver Plus is a free ten-month program that provides financial education, budgeting and savings tips to assist you to:

- Build your skills around managing money
- Become a regular saver
- Reach a savings goal.

Once you finish the program, ANZ will match your savings, up to \$500, which goes towards education costs for you or your children including:

- School and sports uniforms
- Computers, tablets and laptops
- TAFE and apprenticeship costs
- Sports fees, dance and music lessons
- Textbooks and school stationery
- And much more.

### CAN I JOIN?

Saver Plus is offered across Australia. You may be eligible to join if you:

- Have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Are at least 18 years old
- Have some regular income from work (yourself or your partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal work, and
- Have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

To find out more, enquire online at [www.saverplus.org.au](http://www.saverplus.org.au), call or SMS your postcode to 1300 610 355 or email [saverplus@bsl.org.au](mailto:saverplus@bsl.org.au).



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## HOW DOES SAVER PLUS WORK?

1

### TALK TO A SAVER PLUS COORDINATOR

Find out more about Saver Plus and talk about your eligibility<sup>1</sup>. If you join, you will set up a savings goal and your Saver Plus Coordinator will help support you to achieve it.

2

### OPEN YOUR ACCOUNT AND SAVE

Open an ANZ Progress Saver account<sup>2</sup> and make regular deposits over ten months towards your savings goal.

3

### DEVELOP YOUR FINANCIAL SKILLS

Learn and share tips and strategies for budgeting and planning for the future by completing the MoneyMinded financial education program, with support from your Saver Plus Coordinator.

4

### RECEIVE UP TO \$500 IN MATCHED SAVINGS

When you reach your savings goal after ten months, ANZ will match your savings dollar for dollar, up to \$500, to help pay for education costs for you or your child.

## WHO IS INVOLVED?

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# WANT TO BE A VOLUNTEER?

Dementia Australia needs 100 volunteers for our 2019 Hunter Memory Walk & Jog.

Volunteering is a great way to be a part of this exciting and rapidly growing event. You will meet new people, bond with old friends plus play a vital role in raising much needed funds and awareness for Dementia Australia.

Positions available

- Taking registrations
- Providing information
- Directional course marshals
- Selling raffle tickets
- T-shirt distribution
- Parking attendant



Key things to keep in mind before you volunteer:

- The event is on Sunday 31 March;
- There will be a one hour volunteer briefing the week of the event, further details to follow;
- On the day you will need to arrive at 6am. Yes that's right, it's a super early start so if you are not a morning person this event might not be for you!
- You will finish by midday;
- It is an outdoor event so we have to consider the elements. Comfortable clothes, hat and closed toe shoes are required;
- You will be provided with a bottle of water, lunch voucher and your own Memory Walk & Jog memento;
- There are other volunteering opportunities available including promotion and marketing in the months leading up to the event.

**REGISTER NOW AT [WWW.MEMORYWALK.COM.AU](http://WWW.MEMORYWALK.COM.AU)**

<b>MEMORY WALK &amp; JOG</b>	<b>3 MARCH ILLAWARRA STUART PARK</b>	<b>31 MARCH HUNTER SPEERS POINT PARK</b>	<b>7 APRIL PENRITH TENCH RESERVE</b>	<b>19 MAY SYDNEY LEICHHARDT OVAL #3</b>
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If you are interested in joining our team or have a question, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator on

Phone: 02 9805 0100

Email: [nsw.volunteer@dementia.org.au](mailto:nsw.volunteer@dementia.org.au)

Please use subject line: Hunter Memory Walk & Jog 2019



Rotary  
District 9670



Youth Exchange  
Program Long Term

**WE NEED YOU!**



The Committee urgently needs your support to ensure this great programs continues to develop in this District

You can help by

- Your club hosting an inbound for the Rotary Year
- Acting as a host family or sourcing other host families
- Finding students to become exchange students



Please Contact:  
Please contact David Roach,  
Chair of the YEP Committee,  
NOW on-  
Mobile: 0428339489  
Email: yezfidar@outlook.com

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For further information  
please contact :

Allan Large  
email: [mia82550@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mia82550@bigpond.net.au)

**WHAT DOES AN EXCHANGE COST?**

Actual costs will vary depending on the country of exchange, and the student's personal spending habits.

**Student and family provide:**

- An administration fee.
- Return overseas airfare, as arranged by Rotary to the country of exchange.
- Insurance under the Australian Rotary Youth Exchange policy.
- Initial hotel in overseas country, including Rotary organised student fees.
- Day-to-day personal expenses, postage, phone calls, internet, clothing, footwear etc.
- A small emergency fund (redeemable at the end of the exchange, if unused).

**Host Rotary Club provides:**

- Board and lodging with host families.
- Some schooling expenses.
- A modest monthly allowance.
- A Club Counsellor to monitor the student's personal welfare.
- Training and briefing sessions.

**Sponsor Rotary Club provides:**

- Student Rotary Isser
- Some Rotary Clubs provide bursars for exchanging

**WHAT TO DO NOW?**

If you are interested in making an application, you must do this on the appropriate application form. The initial application form is available on the District website, [www.ryeq.org.au](http://www.ryeq.org.au)

The Youth Exchange Chairman must receive your completed application form, a copy of your latest school report, a recent ID colour photograph (30mm square) and an application fee of \$50. The application form should reach the Chairman by 1st April.



For more information:

Contact: Allan Large  
email: [mia82550@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mia82550@bigpond.net.au)



**ROTARY  
INTERNATIONAL  
YOUTH EXCHANGE  
PROGRAM**

Information for Students and Parents  
District 9670 Australia

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
YOUTH EXCHANGE  
PROGRAM**

**WHAT IS IT?**

The Rotary International Youth Exchange Program is arranged by Rotary Clubs for young people to experience a year of education, overseas, in a wide choice of countries. It also offers many other opportunities, both during and after the exchange is completed.

The Rotary program is highly respected internationally by schools, parents and students themselves because of its sound infrastructure.

Students stay with host families who are arranged by the hosting Club. In the majority of exchanges there is more than one host family, the preferred number being three or four. Host families may or may not be members of Rotary, but are all Rotary approved.

**WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?**

The benefits of the exchange are many and varied. Students gain considerable self-confidence, tolerance and self-reliance through having to accept greater responsibility for themselves and their actions. Students have to adapt to unfamiliar and different surroundings and ways of life which are different from that of Australia. For some, it will be the first extended period of separation from their own family. The experience provides the opportunity to develop many useful social 'survival' skills. The exchange provides a unique opportunity for young Australians to experience of first hand the many cultural aspects of a different country, a new way of life, and in many instances, another language. The friendship students make will be life long and important in achieving the aims of the exchange - the building of goodwill and understanding between countries.

**WHO CAN APPLY?**

Any male or female secondary school student. The children of Rotarians are welcome, but of course gain no preference in selection.

Applicants must be in year **S10 or 11** in the year they make application to be eligible for the program. The preferred age of applicants is between 15-17 years.

Applicants should be making sound progress at school and have a general interest in people and places. They should possess a good general knowledge of Australia - its political system, socio-economic policies and its involvement in international affairs.

Applicants must have displayed high standards of personal conduct and attitudes which are widely accepted in our community. They should have an outgoing personality and be interested in cultural and outdoor pursuits.

Rotary is looking for young people who can act as personal ambassadors.

**HOW ARE STUDENTS SELECTED?**

Students are selected by Rotary Clubs on the basis of their application and a personal interview. Applications close with the District Youth Exchange Chairman on 1st April. Clubs will receive their allocated application form by mid-April and will interview students by late April.

The successful applicant from the Rotary Club is then nominated to the District Youth Exchange Program Committee. This Committee then interview nominated applicants in May before arranging exchanges with overseas Districts. Students have the opportunity to nominate any preferred countries of exchange from those available. However, there are limited places available in any one country and a commitment to accept an exchange in any of the available countries is necessary.

**ROTARY PROVIDES TRAINING**

Rotary Clubs have an important role in the exchange, both the hosting and sponsor Clubs will provide one of their members to act as a Counsellor. The Counsellor's role is to maintain close contact with the student. This is expected to continue throughout the exchange period, not only with the student, but also with the student's family, keeping everyone informed on the progress of the exchange.

The District Committee provides a briefing program for a wide range of subjects including personal development and public speaking. This aims to prepare the student for the exchange. Parents of students are also required to be involved in the briefing program.

**HOSTING AN INBOUND STUDENT**

While it is not obligatory, parents will be encouraged to host or organise hosting for an inbound Exchange student for a period of three months. This hosting is to be approved by the Host Rotary Club of the inbound student.

**ARE THERE OTHER OBLIGATIONS?**

Students are required to adhere to the rules of the program, as applied in the country of exchange. These relate to personal behaviour and the expectations of being an ambassador for themselves, their family, their country and Rotary. During the exchange year only, students are required to attend and complete a year of secondary level schooling.

**EDUCATION CONSIDERATIONS**

All inbound students will be required to return to secondary education in Australia; there may be credits available for study undertaken while abroad. However, this needs to be checked with the Board of Studies before departure. The question of broking school before the HEC year is a matter of personal choice between the student and their families. The best bonus for education is the cultural experience that students gain from the exchange itself.





**ROTARY DISTRICT 9670  
YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM COMMITTEE INC**

4 Nerang Place BELMONT NSW 2280 AUSTRALIA

District Governor: DG Brian Coffey – Rotary Club of East Maitland Inc

Chairman: David Roach – Rotary Club of Rylstone/Kandos Inc

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19<sup>th</sup> February 2019

To: Principal, Student Representative Council and Year 9, 10 and 11 Advisors

## **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program Committee is seeking your assistance in providing information to potential outbound exchange students for 2020 year. **Can you also please place this information in your school newsletter.**

Due to new regulations from the NSW Department of Education, outbound student applicants must be in **Years 9, 10 or 11** in the year they make application to be eligible for the program. All outbound students will be required to return to secondary education in Australia. The preferred age of applicants is between 15 to 17 years.

Applications close **on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019** and we ask that your school display this brochure in an area where students have access to the information. If further information is required please direct students to the Rotary Youth Exchange website. An Expression of Interest can be logged at the following website [www.ryea.org.au](http://www.ryea.org.au) and contact will be made with you upon receipt of this Expression of Interest.

District 9670 operates a "Lotte Thordalgaard Award" trust fund, which can be used to assist appropriate families in financial hardship with the costs associated with airfares to an overseas country and return for the purpose of the exchange. The awards from the Trust are confidential to the Trust Board and are subject to a Means Test. Application forms for the award are obtainable from the District Chairman.

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program Committee would appreciate it if a member of our Committee is permitted attendance at your school in February 2019 (at a convenient time to your school schedule) so we may speak to students to inform them of the opportunities available to them through *Rotary International*.

Our current inbound exchange students are also encouraged to assist the Committee and they may accompany us to a presentation at your school. The inbound students would be speaking to potential outbound students who may wish to take up the opportunity to participate in our program.

We will also be holding an **Information Session** for potential outbound students and their parents at **Club Macquarie, Argenton** on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 6.30pm for 7.00pm start.**

**RSVP to Allan Large – Youth Exchange Officer Email: [m1a82550@bigpond.net.au](mailto:m1a82550@bigpond.net.au)**

Please consider this worthwhile **community program** by informing your students of the availability.

Yours in Rotary Service  
**David Roach**  
Chairman



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D9670 Rotary Youth Exchange Program

## Embark on one of the most exciting and rewarding experiences of your life



### HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

- ✓ Experience a new culture
- ✓ Learn a language at home
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### Below is a sample of 2 students who will be arriving.



15 year old Cassandre is a student from France who also speaks Spanish. Her favourite subjects at school are Biology, History and Maths. In her free time, Cassandre enjoys spending time with her friends, swimming, reading and listening to music. While in Australia she is looking forward to experiencing the different culture and hopes to share her culture with her Host family too. At home, Cassandre helps with any chores given by her parents. She describes herself as open-minded and relaxed.



15 year old French student Antoine also speaks Spanish. In his free time, Antoine enjoys playing tennis, rowing and playing chess. He also enjoys drawing and computer programming. While in Australia, he is looking forward to experiencing the culture, meeting new people and improving his English. He tells us this will be the first time he has celebrated a birthday in the winter. Antoine describes himself calm, patient, social and sometimes serious. At home, he helps by cleaning his room, setting the table, gardening and looking after the pet fish.



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HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES**



In April to August, students aged 15 – 18 years from over 25 countries will be arriving in New Zealand to study at local schools for 3-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in New Zealand. This is a great way to practice your language skills, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

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In April to August students from over 26 countries around the world, will be arriving in New Zealand to study at local high schools for 3-10 months.

Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in New Zealand. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today. #

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of New Zealand  
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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.

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