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

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In the past two weeks we have hosted some of our most significant events for the year. As I reported in the last newsletter, we were about to host our Opening School Mass. This is our annual mass of thanksgiving for the remarkable gift of education. As members of the St Paul's Community, we have many gifts that we can celebrate. One of the most important is that of Education. For Australians, we are blessed to live in a nation that values education. Our Governments both state and federal for over 120 years have valued the role that education plays in the building of a country and in the creation of worldly citizens who are able to have a nuanced view of their world. We have all benefitted from an education environment that says that school life is important for all our citizens and in particular, a system of government that contributes to the education of all students regardless of the school system that they choose to attend. Bishop Bill, in his sermon, challenged all of us to be the best that we can be. He asked us to value this gift and the sacrifices that parents and caregivers make to allow our students to attend this College.

After our Mass, we were able to celebrate our academic high achievers. Mr Gerard Mowbray, our Director of Schools was present to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our 2019 cohort. Tom Fairleigh was awarded the Diocesan and St Paul's Catholic College ATAR Dux awards. With a score of 98.25, Tom has decided to attend University in Newcastle to train as a Mathematics Teacher. He has also been offered a scholarship from the Diocese to help with his goal. Tom also received an award for First in Course in the Diocese for Studies of Religion. Tom spoke to the school about consistent efforts and balance in the HSC journey. He also paid tribute to his teachers who worked with him to achieve his wonderful result.

Laura Condon was also the recipient of a special award. Laura received First in Course in French Beginners. Laura was presented with her award by Mr Mowbray.

Jade Crouch and Krystal Lowe received awards for their work in Year 10. Both students received awards for Outstanding Effort across 7 subjects in Year 10. They are to be congratulated for their outstanding efforts.

Continuing on the theme of studies and HSC results, 73 students from our 2019 cohort received entry into university studies. With studies ranging from Medicine, Engineering, Teaching, Nursing, Law and Psychology along with so many other courses, we have much to celebrate as a community. The message to our current students is clear. Make every opportunity a learning moment and be the best student you can possibly be.

Our annual Swimming Carnival was conducted at Lambton Pool and it was a wonderful day. The weather reports leading up to the day were not promising. A prayer or two seemed to have made a big difference with perfect weather for the event. Attendance was at an all-time high and participation rates made finishing the carnival quite the challenge. Congratulations to all our competitors and supporters. A huge thank you to Fran Heard and Brigid De Winter for their organisation and to the entire staff who worked tirelessly to make the day a huge success. The House champions will be announce soon.

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Year 12 students have spent the remainder of last week at their final retreat. I was able to visit on Wednesday night to spend some time with them. These beautiful young men and women were engaged so wonderfully in the process. They have a real sense of the spiritual and demonstrated such care for one another. Thank you particularly to Mrs Pola-Kuras, Mr Doyle, Mrs Shipman and Mrs Pryor for all the organisation, planning and delivery of the program for our students. Thank you also to the staff who engaged with the students and small group leaders. I think that, as our Year 12 reflect on their final year at St Paul's, this experience will feature strongly in the experiences.

Retirement of Geraldine Fitzpatrick

After some 35 years of service to the St Paul's Community, Geraldine Fitzpatrick has decided to retire. Geraldine began work at St Paul's way back in 1985. As she put it, she began "Week two. Year two!" it will be a sad yet happy day next Monday when we farewell Geraldine with a special Morning Tea.

I asked Geraldine to reflect on her years of service. This is what she wrote:

Where did that time go? It was 1985 my son, Chris was in year 1 and my baby, Jenny, in Kinder at St Joseph's (Toronto). I was lucky enough to get this part time position at St Paul's. Lois Greenwell was the original librarian, she was wonderful, teaching me what I needed to know. I was the best library assistant I could be, eventually getting my qualifications in this field. I occasionally did some extra days in the main office and in 1987 I was offered full time front office. I was not ready for full time work, and actually never was. Over the next couple of years, Margaret Dicker, Anne Wilks, Pina Cousins, Pat Noonan, and later Maryanne Yen all came to work in the office. To this day we are all great mates. We still meet 4 times a year for lunch.

Working with the children over so many years, and then matching up the next generation of those students from the early days has been so lovely.

I love running into past students in their workplace or with their children at different sporting venues around Toronto.

One of my favourite memories is of a young man who came to our library every recess and lunch. He was a loner, a really nice kid but he did not fit in at the sports field or the playground. He would stand at the photocopier and just copy a book to occupy himself. One day I invited him to do some copying for the library. He became a real fixture in our library and happy when I gave him small tasks to complete.

Many years later we were on a cruise to New Zealand and I recognised his parents up on deck. I asked about their son. Thinking what would ever become of him. To my delight he was working at the NSW state library in the archives. (Photocopying I suspect!)

Thank you to all students and staff I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with.

I am now a grandmother to six beautiful children, a proud mother of my 2 children and a wife and best friend to my husband of 49 years.

Geraldine, thank you for all the years of dedicated service to St Paul's. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement. Enjoy special times with family and friends, and most of all, remember that you are always welcome here.

As Go gently.

Mr Graeme Selmes

Principal



PROJECT COMPASSION 2020

Ash Wednesday – 26th February 2020

Next week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each classroom will receive a Project Compassion box for their donations or you can donate online via our website at lent.caritas.org.au

Let's Go Further, Together!

This week students will have access to the Semester 1 Assessment Calendars and the Assessment Policy and Schedules handbook on the College website. Year 11 and 12 students will find this information useful as they prepare for the rigours of senior studies. The calendars and schedules assist students in developing an organised approach to their learning. Next week we will be holding our Year 12 HSC information evening and I am looking forward to meeting the parents and carers of our students at this event. It is an opportunity for students and their parents and carers to hear about the differences between the HSC and ATAR, effective approaches to preparing for the HSC and to assist students in identifying where they can get help if they need support.

This year we are also embarking on the implementation of a number of changes to our approaches to 7-10 assessment which are reflected in these documents. In the past student understanding has been assessed using four or, in some cases five, set tasks throughout the year. We now will be giving students multiple opportunities throughout the year to demonstrate what they know and can do through classwork and informal assessment. This approach changes the emphasis from 'learning for the assessment' to an approach where all learning is an opportunity for students to show mastery of content and skills. Teachers, in collaboration with students, will be building a profile of student learning which enables students to receive regular feedback that can then be used by students to identify their next steps in learning. As has previously been the case, student achievement will be identified against the common grade scale.

A great way to think about this change is that teachers will be asking students 'Show me that you can ...'. For example, in the Science Course Year 7 students will be learning to use cause and effect relationships to explain ideas and findings. This learning intention is clearly communicated with students during lessons and they are also aware of the criteria for success in understanding this concept. After they have learned and practised the concept, students will be given multiple opportunities to show teachers that they can use cause and effect relationships to explain ideas and findings using a variety of strategies. This approach to assessment also allows for a more personalised approach to understanding where students are at with their learning and to provide them feedback so they can identify their next steps in learning.

Learning is a lifelong process and, as centres of learning, schools strive to support students in developing the skills to assist them in identifying how they learn. It is useful for students to know how they learn, the importance of practice and trying again allow students to develop resilience and a 'bounce back' attitude. Students don't often know their learning potential and how adaptable their brains can be. As teachers, it is our goal to provide students with opportunities to grow in their learning power.

Mrs Amber Carter
Assistant Principal—
Teaching & Learning

In reflecting on the events of the past two weeks, the diversity and experiences that are offered to students at St Paul's certainly attempts to develop the whole child, academically, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually. Across the school, the classroom activity has been busy and challenging, our café continues to be the meeting place for a social chat on a Thursday morning, the availability of all staff who offer that extra support and care, our sports program which is up and running for another year, including a successful Swimming carnival and of course the Opening School Mass and Year 12 Retreat. Our Year 12's were a pleasure to be with last week, as they whole heartedly engaged in the experiences offered. Their care and concern for one another certainly demonstrates that this group of young men and women will continue to proudly lead our school.

Student Representative Council

The Student Representative elections have now been finalised and congratulations is extended to the following students who have been voted to lead their respective year groups.

Year 7: Jamie Pockran, Brodie Phillips, Sophie Robinson, Cleo Doyle, Koen Roberts

Year 8: Mitchell Barnes, Shiv Dube, Valentina Costa, Zoe Dalglish, Gabrielle Brady

Year 9: Michael Pockran, Jess Robinson, Charlotte Parsons, Spencer Hamilton, Joseph Plumridge, Tara Cowen

Year 10: Dominik Brymora, Caleb Baker, Kevin Van der Merwe, Ella Rushton, Chloe Janiszewski

These students will join the senior House Leaders to form the Student Representative Council and the following staff members, Mrs Lucas, Mrs Yates, Mr Wood, Mrs Kelly, Miss Moriarty and Miss Dunne will be working with these students to create an active body to support the community events offered at St Paul's. The first event will be an Anti-Bullying Day on Tuesday 17th March where students will be engaged in a **BACKFLIPS AGAINST BULLYING – HIGH SCHOOL SHOW**.

The Backflips Against Bullying program for High Schools engages students in the topic of Peer Harassment by using comedy, flips, and tricks – captivating them in a brand-new way to make a difference in your school. This show touches heavily on Power Dynamics when discussing instances of Harassment, and delves into Resilience, Cyber-Bullying, and Real-World Consequences. Whilst those topics are deep, it is presented to the students with a comedic and acrobatic twist, providing an engagement rate unlike any other program! Featured Themes are:

Resilience

Power Dynamics (The Imbalance of Power, and how you can WIN)

Cyber Bullying

Harassment vs Assault

Real World Consequences

Targeted & Repeated Harassment

Finally, as we move through Term 1 knowing that we have been focussing on the value of compassion, it certainly was seen in action at the beginning of this week by one of our senior students. Gabby Loveday acted quickly and calmly on Monday morning when one of our school buses was involved in an accident. Gabby was able to assist younger members of the school community off the bus and gather them together until help arrived. In a difficult situation, Gabby's compassion, consideration and care was certainly appreciated. Thank-You Gabby!

“If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion”

Dalai Lama

Mrs Anne-Maree Shipman
Assistant Principal—Community & Wellbeing



What a busy start to the year ... again!

Welcome to the **last year of your child's school education** – only 7 months until they walk down the St Paul's driveway after Graduation.

I have been reminding the students that this is a year of "lasts" and to immerse themselves in every experience they can. Tuesday 11 February was the last **school swimming carnival** they will have and I was pleased at the higher than usual attendance, the cooperation of the seniors in assisting in the running of the day and the way they dressed up and encouraged fun and participation in their Houses.

Our **Retreat** was a wonderful and memorable experience which was well attended. The students are to be congratulated on their participation, respect and consideration of each other. I know that many new relationships and friendships were formed over these three days, and that some students even got to know themselves a little better. My email to parents earlier this week gives deeper thought and reflection on the Retreat experience.

Thank you to the staff who organised, ran, supervised and participated in the Retreat. It was a big ask to be away from their families for this amount of time, but their generosity is much appreciated.

You would have received an invitation earlier this week to the **HSC and ATAR Information Evening** on Monday 24 February at 6pm in the School Hall. This event is structured to give clarity and understanding around the mystery of ATAR scores and their relationship with the HSC.

For your information, Mr McLoughlin, our Careers Advisor sends out weekly emails to students with a **long list of jobs, apprenticeships and traineeships** that are available for that week. Students will find the information in this and other resources he regularly offers very helpful.

Mrs Cayte Pryor

Student Coordinator

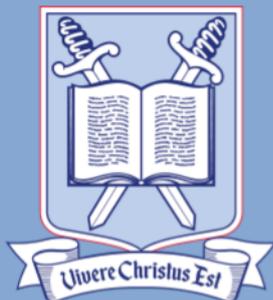
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<http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/news-events/galleries/2020-year-12-retreat/>



Year 12 Retreat
2020



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Year 12
2020

HSC and ATAR Information Night

Venue: St Paul's Catholic College Hall

Date: Monday 24 February

Time: 6.00pm

Tea and Coffee provided

After-School Study Afternoons

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As of Week 5 St Paul's will be providing staff supervision for After-School Study Afternoons for Year 7-12 in the Damascus Centre.

This will occur on Monday and Wednesday afternoons between 3.15 and 4.30pm, from Week 5 -Week 11 in Term 1.



CAMP 2020

The Year 10 Camp this year will be held at Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre from Wednesday April 29 – Friday May 1. The purpose of the camp is to develop a sense of community and comradery among the students, to provide students with a connection to the beauty of God’s creation, and for students to challenge themselves physically, mentally, and spiritually through outdoor activities and spiritual reflection. Activities at the camp include rock climbing, abseiling, canoeing, bushwalking, archery, flying fox and fishing. All of these activities will be conducted by qualified instructors and supervised by staff from St Paul’s. During the evenings we will engage in reflective activities designed to support them at this important stage of their lives.

All students should have bought home a note by now with all the details. If not, they can collect a spare note from the pigeon holes in Student Reception. We won’t know the actual cost until numbers are confirmed but an estimate has been calculated at \$390 per student. In order to allow for the calculation of final costs, a first minimum **instalment of \$50 is required by Friday March 6th**. This can be paid via the QKR App.

Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

PEER SUPPORT

Peer support started well last Thursday. It is great to see so many Year 10 keen to help Year 7 settle into their new school environment. We are looking forward to seeing these relationships grow and develop over the term.

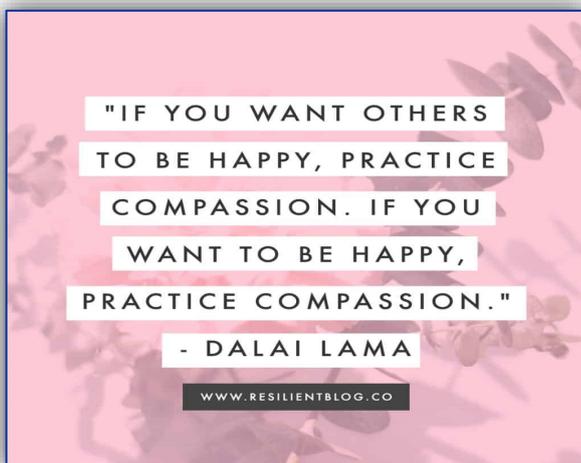
UNIFORM

Thank you to the vast majority of students and parents who have got the message. The daily detention for out of uniform students certainly seems to be helping and almost everyone is in uniform. For any parents considering allowing their child to get a facial piercing can I please remind you that the College does not permit any facial piercing in 7-10 and only a nose stud in 11-12.

COMPASSION

This term’s focus for our CARE program is Compassion. We have been thinking about how important it is to ‘Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about.’ Our next few sessions will look at how being a compassionate person can help put a stop to bullying in schools in line with our activities for Anti-Bullying week. We will also

look at how compassion makes our life and our world more harmonious to help celebrate Harmony Day.



Ms Kerrie-Lee Guest
Student Coordinator

Year 7 Friday Afternoon Sport-Swimming

If you are a Year 7 student in CARE Groups 1, 2, 3 or 4 and do swimming for sport Fridays, you need to bring the following items of clothing on Friday Week 4 21st February to complete the Active Award - Senior Swim and Survive Assessment:

- Swimwear
- Long Pants
- Long Sleeved Shirt/Jumper

NOTE - Winter Pyjamas are a good option



Mr Belinda Dempsey
Year 7 Coordinator

Mathematics News

Six students from our current Year 12, sat a challenging three-hour examination for high achieving students throughout the Hunter and Central Coast at the end of 2019. **The Colin Doyle Memorial Prize Mathematics Competition** run by Newcastle University, gave these students an opportunity to solve eight complex questions. They were very complex questions which required creativity as well as knowledge to solve in innovative ways.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate these amazing students for not only pushing themselves and putting them out of their comfort zones by achieving wonderful results.



Gareth Baynham



William Burgin



Rebecca Post



Conor O'Neill



Zac Conaghan

And a special mention to **Nicholas Curran** who received an A Grade, putting him in the top category of the region.

I would also like to thank **Mrs Sandra Michie** for her hard work and diligent effort with these high achieving students.

Mrs Cheryl Wills
Leader of Pedagogy—Mathematics



Just a few Friday Sport Reminders

Students leaving from Sport

Students are not permitted to leave from there Friday sports venue unless accompanied by a Parent/Carer. The Parent/Carer must be present before the buses are due to leave otherwise the student will have to board the bus and return to school.

Term 2 Friday Representative Sport

The following representative sports will be offered on Friday afternoons in term 2. Trials for these sports will take place during the later weeks of this term so students need to listen out for notices for trial times.

Boys;

Year 8 Football (Soccer), 9/10 Oz Tag, 9/10 Basketball

Girls;

Year 8 Football (Soccer), 8 Netball, 9/10 Oz Tag, 9/10 Basketball.

Swimming Carnival

Thanks to all students and staff who attended and prayed for sunshine. It was a great day!

Thanks also, to all our House Leaders—you got into the spirit and helped make it happen.

Age Champions

12 years Girls Emily O’Grady



15 years Girls

Chloe Scanlon



12 years Boys Ryan Hall



15 years Boys

Spencer Hamilton



13 years Girls Haley Freeman



16 years Girls

Riley McManus



13 years Boys Harry Klepzig



16 years Boys

Alan Klepzig



14 years Girls Alexandra Reilly



17+ years Girls

Christine Connell



14 years Boys- Grady Platt



17+ years Boys

Nicholas Hamilton



House Placings

1st	Mackillop	1002 points
2nd	Chisholm	760 points
3rd	Polding	575 points
4th	Therry	559 points

Please follow this link for photos of the Swimming Carnival:

<http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/news-events/galleries/2020-swimming-carnival/>

Ms Fran Heard & Mrs Brigid de Winter
Sport Coordinators



Career Thought of the Week:

"Life is like a ten-speed bike. Most of us have gears we never use."

Charles Schultz

Students preparing for the jobs of tomorrow



These days a strong academic record isn't the only thing employers are looking for in a potential employee. Your next employer also wants to see the unique skills and attributes you can bring to the role and the organisation, and the application and interview process is the perfect time for you to showcase why you are the best person for the job.

Showcasing your skills can seem challenging, especially if you have not had any prior work experience to refer to. But work experience isn't the only way to gain relevant qualities, skills or knowledge.

Gain an edge over the competition

Employers are looking for well-rounded candidates who are proactive, confident and engaged, who can work in a team, and who can learn and adapt to real-life situations as they happen.

If you have been involved in regular activities, the experiences you have gained can demonstrate your ability to rise to any challenge, to persevere and be determined, or to communicate effectively and take the lead – all attributes that are attractive to employers as they translate well to a work environment.

These activities may include volunteer work, significant group projects undertaken at school or at University/TAFE, amateur sports or theatre, and community work.

Stand out from the crowd

Skills you may have picked up during these real-life experiences that are valuable to your potential employer can include:

Teamwork

- Being part of a volunteer committee or sporting team, working together towards a common goal
- What was your role in the team?
- How did your role and contribution help the team achieve its goal?

Problem solving

- Undertaking extensive research as part of your studies
- Dealing with complaints or conflict in your volunteer or sporting activities
- How did you deal with these and solve the problem?

Time management and reliability

- Doing a work experience placement or internship
- Asking for new or additional responsibilities at work
- Developing a study schedule or a volunteering or workout routine and sticking to it
- Managing your work, study and personal commitments

Why Volunteer?

If you're considering a career, volunteering can help you get experience in your area of interest and meet people in the field. Volunteering gives you the opportunity to practice important skills used in the workplace

Did you know that Volunteering is not just good for others and your resume it's good for your health too!

It can:

Help combat depression and counteract the effects of stress, anger, and anxiety

Boost self-confidence and give you a sense of purpose

It is important to find the right Volunteer Opportunity for you and get the most out of your experience. You don't necessarily need much time, just enthusiasm and a positive attitude.

For more information and tips on how to get started see: <https://www.helpguide.org/articles/healthy-living/volunteering-and-its-surprising-benefits.htm/>

Important Dates for Term 1 2020

- 24th Feb Yr. 12 ATAR/HSC Evening
- 19th March St Paul's CC Open Evening
- 30th March - 12th April VET Hospitality Work Placement
- 6th April YR 10- Stage 6 Senior Information Night

Casual Positions/Employment Links:

These links are available on the SPCCB Careers Website and emailed to students in Years 10/11/12 through their school email accounts each Monday.

Examples are:

Mr Craig McLoughlin
Careers Adviser



Castle Employment Open Day

Castle Personnel are a Disability Employment Service who assist people with all sorts of disabilities, including anxiety and depression, learning barriers, ADHD, autism right through to physical disabilities in obtaining and sustaining employment. Their program provides support with resume development, referrals to medical and social assistance, referrals to education, assistance with obtaining a drivers licence, assistance with job searching, work experience placements and post placement support. Over the years they have helped thousands of people into work. They are having an Open Day on 25 Feb, if you are interested to find out more please attend, remember to RSVP by the 23/2 for catering purposes. Students with disabilities who may be looking for work in the next year would be very welcome to come and find out what Castle can offer them.

Mrs Anne Marie Melocco
Learning Support Coordinator



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CASTLE

OPEN DAY

TUESDAY – 25th February 2020
11am to 1pm
2 James Street, Toronto

Castle is a Disability Employment Provider and the staff at our Toronto office invite you to join us for a sausage sizzle whilst we answer any questions relating to how we can assist you or someone you may know with gaining employment, training or hiring. Come and see what Castle can provide for you.

Live Work Learn

RSVP: 23rd February – Ph: 40814444

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JUNIOR THEATRE MAKERS 2020

<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 five 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	St Paul's Catholic College Booragul
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	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 2020 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 a workshop from ASPIRE Artistic Director Anna Kerrigan.

Term 3 will be spent creating an original short performance piece which will be performed on **Thursday 24 September 2020 at the Civic Playhouse, Newcastle**. All five 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.

ASPIRE



SONG COMPETITION

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

This year's song competition takes its themes from the 2020 ASPIRE production *The Pecking Order*. There are two starting points we invite young composers and songwriters to think about:

BIRDSONG

Taking actual birdsong as your inspiration see where your songwriting takes you. Many of the characters in 2020's production are birds; how can you use their method of communication as inspiration? This is also an opportunity to create an instrumental track and potentially use technology in the creation of your original work.

THE PECKING ORDER

Definition: A hierarchy of status seen among members of a group of people or animals. One of the overarching themes of ASPIRE 2020 is that of leadership and position within both the human and bird worlds that will be depicted. Where do you see examples of pecking orders in your life

WEEK 8, TERM 4 2019

Entries can be uploaded to the ASPIRE website

WEEK 4, TERM 1 2020

Entries Close: Friday 21 February 2020

WEEK 5, TERM 1 2020

Shortlisting of Entries: Friday 28 February 2020

WEEK 7, TERM 1 2020

Workshopping of shortlisted songs:
Monday 16 March 2020

WEEK 9, TERM 1 2020

Songwriters Showcase Performance
where the winner will be decided
Wednesday 1 April 2020

As with last year's competition after entries close, shortlisted finalists will have the opportunity to workshop their song with professional musicians. The winner will be decided at a live concert where a panel will judge the songs. This year there will be both a primary and secondary winner, both of whom will receive a \$300 Muso's Corner Voucher and have their song professionally recorded at Tommirock Studios. The songs will then be used in the promotion of the 2020 ASPIRE production! To watch last year's winner [click here](#).

HOW TO ENTER

Video or record yourself singing and/or playing your composition, even if this is a work in progress, and save it as an mp3 file. Attach a copy of your lyrics and music e.g. the chords you play with your song. However, writing out your song isn't compulsory. We really want to hear your song! You will be able to enter and upload your files to the ASPIRE website from **Week 8, Term 4 2019** and entries close Friday 21 February 2020.

ASPIRE

MUSIC . DANCE . DRAMA

ASPIRE PRODUCTION ENSEMBLE

ASPIRE is looking for Expressions of Interest from students wishing to be part of the 2020 Production Ensemble.

This initiative is designed for students (Year 9 upwards) in the diocese with an interest in technical and behind the scenes aspects of theatre. Working under the direction of respected industry professional Loretta Foster students will experience a range of opportunities including but not limited to sound, lighting, props, set, costume and scene-change (backstage) crew.

Loretta Foster has worked as a stage manager since graduating with a Bachelor of Creative Arts in technical production in 1992. She began her career as resident stage manager for Peter and Ellen Williams at the Playhouse: Sydney Opera House. Her professional engagements include The Really Useful Theatre Company, The Ensemble Theatre, The Short Shakespeare Company, The Sydney 2000 Olympics Ceremonies, NAISDA Dance College and Sport for Jove. Loretta currently works as a Theatre Technician for Central Coast Council and maintains a busy schedule of professional production contracts. A qualified and experienced industry trainer and assessor, Loretta is experienced in delivering the HSC Entertainment course and the Certificate 3 in Live Production and Services at a wide variety of schools. Loretta currently also teaches at NIDA in the Diploma of Live Production and Technical Services.

VET Entertainment students can apply for the following:

- a) Work Placement hours (students need to be available for the full week at Civic Theatre commencing Saturday 25 July 2020)

OR

- b) Additional units of competency to complete the full Certificate 3 in Live Production and Services. This requires each student's full attendance on the below dates and the completion of assessment tasks.

Interested students are encouraged to complete the online application form to register their interest (<https://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au/>). Selection for the ensemble will be by interview. Applications must be received by Friday 13 March 2020. If you require further information please contact Anna Kerrigan, ASPIRE Artistic Director anna.kerrigan@mn.catholic.edu.au

PLEASE NOTE:

Production ensemble students are required to supply and wear the following:

- Long black protective pants (no ripped jeans or short leggings)
- Black safety boots for every rehearsal from 16 June 2020. (\$40 from big W)
- Bring a pocket torch for the Civic Theatre. Phone torch apps are not an acceptable form of backstage work light

ASPIRE

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

TERM 2		
Date	Times	Venue
Tuesday 28 April 2020	Production Ensemble 4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 19 May 2020	Production Ensemble 4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 2 June 2020	Production Ensemble 4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 16 June 2020	Production Ensemble 4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 23 June 2020	Production Ensemble 4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 30 June 2020	Production Ensemble 4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown

Term 3		
Date	Times	Venue
Tuesday 21 July 2020	Production Ensemble 4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown

HOLIDAY REHEARSALS		
Date	Times	Venue
Thursday 16 July 2020	9.30 am – 4.00 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Friday 17 July 2020	9.30 am – 4.00 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown

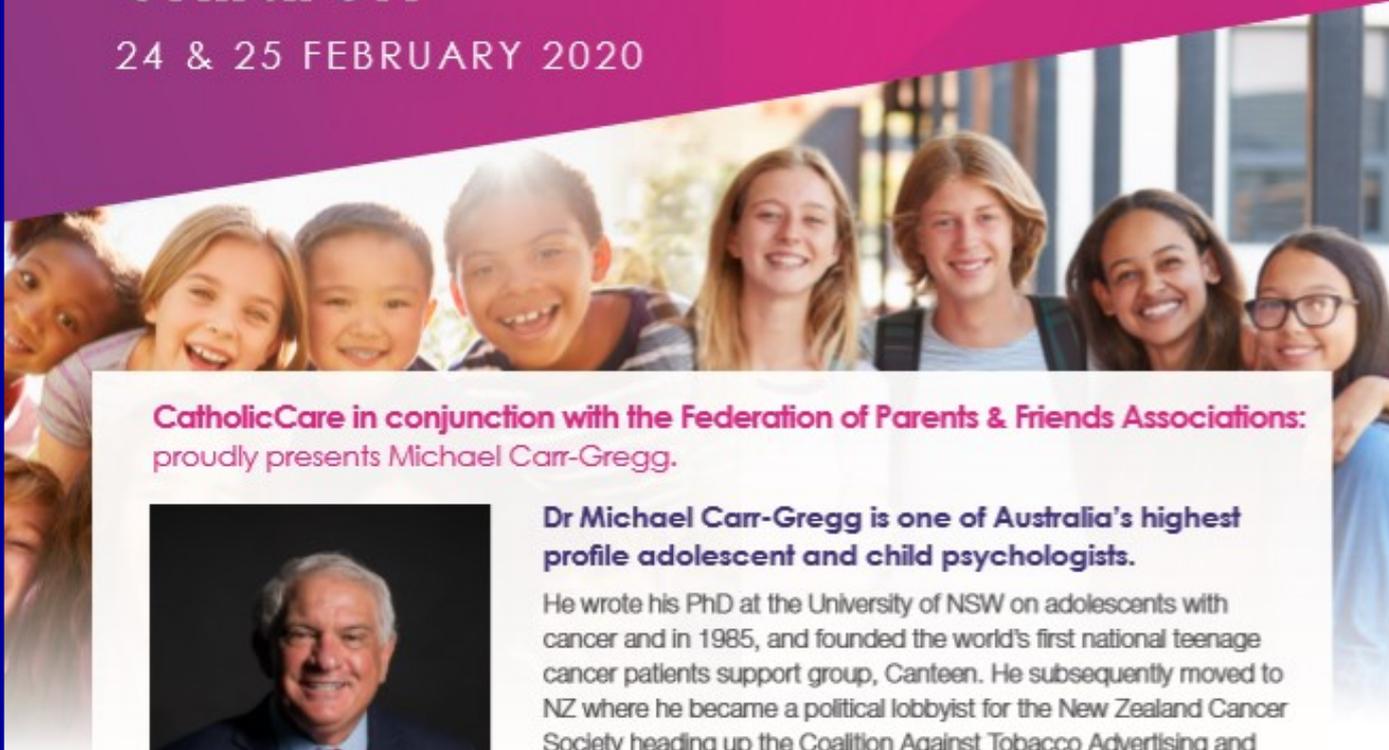
WEEKEND REHEARSALS		
Date	Times	Venue
Sunday 19 July 2020	9.30 am – 4.00 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown

PRODUCTION WEEK AND PERFORMANCE WEEK		
<i>The production ensemble will be rostered for shifts between the following hours on 25 to 28 July and MUST be available for the times indicated.</i>		
Date	Times	Venue
Saturday 25 July 2020	Bump in 8.00 am - 11.00 pm	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Sunday 26 July 2020	Bump in continues 8.00 am - 11.00 pm	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Monday 27 July 2020	Technical Rehearsal 8.00 am – 11.00 pm	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Tuesday 28 July 2020	Dress Rehearsal 8.00 am – 11.00 pm	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Wednesday 29 July 2020	First Show Performance Call Time 9.00 am	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Thursday 30 July 2020	Second Show Performance Call Time 9.00 am	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Friday 31 July 2020	Third Show Performance Call Time 9.00 am	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Friday 31 July 2020	Fourth Show Performance Call Time 5.00 pm	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Saturday 1 August 2020	Fifth Show Performance Call Time TBC	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Saturday 1 August 2020	Final Show Performance Call Time 5.00 pm Entertainment students are required for bump out working until 11pm	Civic Theatre, Newcastle

Follow this link to the ASPIRE Website: <https://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au/>

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He wrote his PhD at the University of NSW on adolescents with cancer and in 1985, and founded the world's first national teenage cancer patients support group, Canteen. He subsequently moved to NZ where he became a political lobbyist for the New Zealand Cancer Society heading up the Coalition Against Tobacco Advertising and Promotion. Dr Carr-Gregg was the inaugural Director of the NZ Drug Foundation before being appointed Head of Education and Training at the Centre for Adolescent Health at The Royal Children's Hospital and an Associate Professor in the Department of Paediatrics at the University of Melbourne, where he developed and taught the Graduate Diploma in Adolescent Health and Welfare. In 2015 he was appointed the Managing Director of the Young and Well Co-operative Research Centre and developed an interest in the use of technology for building wellbeing in young people.

TAREE

DATE 24 February, 2020
TIME 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start – 8.30pm
VENUE St Clare's High School Hall, Taree
COST Free

You must RSVP at:
www.mncso.news/MCGTar

MUSWELLBROOK

DATE 25 February, 2020
TIME 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start – 8.30pm
VENUE Muswellbrook RSL
COST Free

You must RSVP at:
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From the Finance Office

For all Finance enquiries please use the following email address: 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/about-us/finance/fee-calculator/>

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 2020 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

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

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Step 4 Register your children

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



Excursions Coming Up

Please **pay for all excursions by the due date written on the excursion notes** which are sent home with your child. This date is important as excursion costing is calculated on the number of students who should be attending that particular event. Venues and buses have to be paid when the booking is first made. Your understanding of this would be very much appreciated.



Canteen Roster



Monday 3 February—Friday 28 February

Mon	Cath Liley
Tues	Christine Bathman
Wed	Dianne Fennell-Fraser
Thurs	Rochelle Loveday, Nadine Steenson
Fri	

Monday 3 March—Friday 6 March

Mon	Susan Noonan
Tues	Amanda Holt, Janelle Haggerston
Wed	Joanne Bower, Pameal Amos
Thurs	Michelle Hall, Kylie Smith, Sharon Roberts
Fri	Kim Dickson, Richelle Roseland

Monday 9 March—Friday 13 March

Mon	Lisa Kelly, Sharyn Kiely
Tues	Mel Dobosz
Wed	Kim Harding
Thurs	
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 2020

Wk 4	Mon 17 Feb	Vietnam Immersion Parent Information Evening
	Mon 17- Fri 21 Feb	Best Start Year 7 Testing Week
Wk 5	Mon 24 Feb	Year 12 HSC & ATAR Info Evening
	Wed 26 Feb	Ash Wednesday
Wk 6	Mon 2 Mar	Catholic Schools Week Year 7 2020 Orientation Evening
	Tues 3 Mar	Parent in the Classroom
Wk 7	Tues 10 Mar	Year 7 Immunisations
Wk 8	Tues 17 Mar	Anti-Bullying Day

Please see website for further Calendar dates

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

The **Canteen** is in need of volunteers

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Contact Paul Pols

Youth Co Ordinator

0411 640 845



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Sun 23rd Feb 3.30 - 5.30pm



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