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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This time last year, we were farewelling the 2019 Year 12 cohort. The world we lived in was a very different place. We had never really heard of Zoom or Teams and online learning was the thing that you did through the *School of the Air* if you lived in remote Australia. We might have learnt about a pandemic as part of our history studies or perhaps in Biology and we certainly never thought that in 12 months' time we would be living in a country with closed borders and world-wide travel restrictions.

What a difference a year makes. This week we are celebrating with our current Year 12 students. Their young worlds, like all of us, has been thoroughly mixed up and thrown upside down. Way back in April they were just about to complete their mid-course exams and then suddenly, we were all engaged in on-line learning. They engaged in this so well and with so much calm resilience. When they returned to school mid-term two, it was clear that they were ready to prepare for what ever might be thrown at them. The idea that the HSC might not go ahead was clearly on the agenda of the media but our students continued to work towards their goals regardless of what the media might have been suggesting.

This term, they have continued with this positive and accepting attitude. There have been times of stress as major works were completed and assessments handed in, but it has been a year where the students have made the most of the opportunities, although limited, that they have been given.

This week has been the pinnacle of their Year 12 journey. On Monday, Year 12 held their annual Charity Day. The theme "Groups" has some of the staff a little confused and concerned but there was no need for either! Mario Brothers, Sesame Street, Toy Story, Mean Girls (but not really!), Steve Irwin Australia Zoo and Monty Python were just a few of the groups represented on the day. It was a great success working with the teachers to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all in our community.

We have now conducted another "First" for St Paul's as a result of COVID restrictions. We have held our Year 12 Major Award Ceremonies on-line. We have been able to have multiple camera settings and professional editing so that our wider community were able to witness the ceremonies live. As well, they can also access a recorded version to watch later. The Hall was transformed into a much more intimate space so that the students felt respected and greatly valued for all they have done for their school. The award winners have been appropriately celebrated and the cohort has been farewelled beautifully with new traditions and old practices that were modified for COVID safety. The most beautiful part has been the way that this special group has accepted their lot in life just as so many in our communities and around the world have accepted the great changes in their own worlds.

I would like to publicly thank the following people for all that they have done to make the final days of our Year 12 cohort so special. 6 weeks ago, we began planning for what might have to happen and a group of staff came together and explored the possibilities and made it a reality:

- Mrs Cayte Pryor – our Year 12 Student Coordinator
- Mrs Libby Lucas – our Function Coordinator and leader of our Hall decorations
- Mr Mark Newell – Out IT specialist and Director for the live streams
- Mr Beau Outteridge – Ex-student and world class Videographer who showed us the way!
- Mr Steve Newman – CSO Leaders of Learning Technology who helped set up our ability to live stream
- Mrs Donna Reaney and our wonderful office ladies - they worked tirelessly on all the logistics and awards that make up such an event.
- Mr Samuel Davidson, Mr Simon Pearce, Mr Geoff Harborne and Mr Graham Handcock – camera and sound.
- Warren Stace, Nathan Parsons and Melissa Slater from our Ground Support Team
- Mrs Alice Grant and Mrs Michelle Anderson and the Hospitality Team
- Mr Ross Bush
- Mrs Renee Polo-Kuros and Mrs Astro Stewart for the prayers, Ceremony of the Light and beautiful Prayer Space

We wish the rest of the College a safe and restful spring break. We will resume the 2020 academic year next term still under the veil of COVID. Hopefully Term 4 will bring some relief from the tight restrictions that schools need to operate under. I would like to also pay tribute to all our parents and caregivers for working closely with us as we navigate this continually changing landscape.

Go gently.

Mr Graeme Selmes
Principal



Assistant Principal News

This week we celebrated the achievements of our students in a very different format and it was an opportunity to also recognise the way in which this cohort has risen to the challenges the year has presented within the context of a worldwide pandemic. Not only have our students learnt the knowledge and skills required of each course they have studied, but more importantly, they have learnt about resilience, courage and the importance of adaptability – all of which are far more essential for life long learning. These are the skills our young adults will draw on throughout their lives, wherever that journey takes them. This is also a time to acknowledge the families that have supported our year 12 students through their entire school life. Education is not a singular event and the success of the young people in our care requires a partnership with families to ensure each child is able to realise their potential and capacity. It certainly takes a village to raise a child and this village is our school community.

We congratulate the resilience of our Year 12's and celebrate those who have excelled in specific academic areas. The community Awards also acknowledge students who have contributed to and been actively engaged in many ways in school life at the College.

The Academic Awards recognised students' achievement in the following areas:

Diligence Award – an award given to students who have worked consistently and diligently over 10 units of work

Scholastic Achievement – students who have achieved results in the top 10% of one or more of their courses.

Academic Excellence – students who have achieved a first place in one or more of their subjects.

VET awards – Presented to the VET students who have been outstanding in achievements attitude and effort.

Cross Curriculum Excellence Awards – students who have achieved academic excellence or scholastic achievement across multiple academic disciplines.

Assessment Dux – awarded to the student who has outstanding achievement in their school-based assessment.

The following students were the 2020 Academic Award Recipients:

Major Community Awards were presented to:

Sportsman	—Nicholas Curran
Sportswoman	—Jade Harding and Tanisha Jones
Marry Mackillop Award	—Kiara Davis
Lions Club Encouragement Award	—Ava Elliott
Reuben F Scarf Award	—Samuel Jenkins
Caltex All Rounder	—Grace Shrum
Bishops Award	—Maddison Tolhurst
Australian Defence Force – Long Tan Award	—Abby Willcox
Sunshine Award	—Joshua Feenan and Clare Williams
Community Award	—Lucy Reid and Keeley Gayler
Zim Award	—Conor O'Neill
VET Award	—Hannah Olive and Maddison Tolhurst
Leadership Awards	—Nicholas Curran, Samuel Jenkins, Grace Shrum and Abby Willcox
Assessment Dux and University of Newcastle Vice Chancellor's Award	—Will Negline

A Message To Our Year 12 Students:

As we reflect on the achievements of our peers, it is also important that you reflect on your own achievements, not only this year but throughout every aspect of your life. Our message to each of you, is that you are more than the marks on a page. You are brilliantly and wonderfully made, you have a capacity you do not realise yet. Know that as a school community we see you, the person who has been blessed with gifts and talents that cannot be summarised in three pages from NESAs. It is the way you use your gifts that will bring change to your world

The conclusion of your secondary schooling is just one part of your journey through life. You have learnt a lot but remember there is always more to learn; your brain can still stretch in ways you wouldn't think possible. Plan for the future but always have a plan B and know that you can achieve what you can imagine.

Your experiences through school have shaped you, and as this part of your journey ends and a new era starts, always remember to walk with the light to your face. Finally, we share with all Year 12 a piece of scripture from Joshua 1:9:

'Have I not commanded you says the Lord? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.'

Mrs Amber Carter

Assistant Principal—Teaching & Learning



Mrs Anne-Maree Shipman

Assistant Principal—Community & Wellbeing



Academic Excellence—First in Course

Lauren Bartlett	Exploring Early Childhood
Jack Baxter	Construction - VET
Gareth Baynham	Catholic Studies Mathematics Advanced
William Burgin	Biology
Zac Conaghan	Engineering Studies Physics
Nicholas Curran	Mathematics Extension 1 Mathematics Extension 2 PDHPE
Courtney Dunks	Equal First in Hospitality -VET Mathematics Standard 2
Keeley Gayler	Food Technology
Sarah Hannan	Society and Culture
Jade Harding	English Studies Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation
Samuel Jenkins	Drama English Extension 1 English Extension 2 Legal Studies
Tanisha Jones	English Standard
Georgia Kiely	Equal First in Hospitality -VET
Alexandria Lane	Visual Design
Blake Liley	Industrial Technology - Timber
Gabrielle Loveday	Textiles and Design
Evie Marshall	Investigating Science
Ashten Mason	Earth and Environmental Science
Emma Moonen	Marine Studies
Wil Negline	Business Studies English Advanced Studies of Religion 2 Unit
Conor O'Neill	Chemistry Studies of Religion 1 Unit
Lydia Philpott	Community and Family Studies
Danielle Roberts	Ancient History History Extension
Teleah Smith	Mathematics Standard 1
Braith Sneddon	French Beginners Modern History
Abby Willcox	Visual Arts
Clare Williams	Music 1

Scholastic Achievement - Top 10% of Course

Zoe Ashmore	Catholic Studies English Standard Mathematics Standard 2	Tanisha Jones	Studies of Religion 1 Unit Modern History
Gareth Baynham	Engineering Studies	Alexandria Lane	English Standard
Mackenzie Bell	Catholic Studies History Extension Society and Culture Ancient History	Blake Liley	English Studies
William Burgin	Studies of Religion 1 Unit Chemistry	Ashten Mason	Biology
Riley Crabbe	Investigating Science	Jessica McNamara	Community and Family Studies Mathematics Standard 2
Nicholas Curran	Business Studies	Emma Moonen	Mathematics Advanced
Courtney Dunks	PDHPE	Wil Negline	Mathematics Advanced Legal Studies
Ava Elliott	Studies of Religion 2 Unit Biology Legal Studies	Chloe Noonan	Catholic Studies Society and Culture
Joshua Feenan	Business Studies	Conor O'Neill	English Advanced Mathematics Extension 1
Hannah Finley	English Studies Mathematics Standard 1	Lydia Philpott	PDHPE Mathematics Standard 2
Keeley Gayler	English Standard	Rebecca Post	Biology
Jacob Gower	English Standard Mathematics Standard 2 Visual Arts	Lily Reaney	Mathematics Standard 2
Jade Harding	Mathematics Standard 1	Lucy Reid	English Advanced Mathematics Standard 2 Legal Studies Business Studies
Jessica Hector	English Studies	Imogen Reid	Earth and Environmental Science Studies of Religion 1 Unit Mathematics Standard 2
Grace Hemson	English Standard	Danielle Roberts	Biology
Samuel Jenkins	Studies of Religion 1 Unit English Advanced Mathematics Standard 2	Braith Sneddon	Studies of Religion 1 Unit
		Georgia Tomassetti	Catholic Studies
		Abby Willcox	Biology

Diligence Award

Zoe Ashmore	Alexandria Lane
Gareth Baynham	Conor O'Neill
Mackenzie Bell	Rebecca Post
William Burgin	Lily Reaney
James Burton	Imogen Reid
Caitlyn Chandler	Danielle Roberts
Courtney Dunks	Grace Shrum
Madison Freeman	Braith Sneddon
Imogen Haines	Abby Willcox
Sarah Hannan	Clare Williams
Samuel Jenkins	Lucy Reid
Elizabeth Knorre	

Cross Curriculum Excellence Award

William Burgin

Nicholas Curran

Conor O'Neill

Good afternoon students, parents and teachers.

I welcome the parents and carers out there in pseudo *Zoom Land*. It is one of my biggest disappointments that you cannot be here in person with us today since you, I and your child have walked this journey together for many years. For me, it's also the relationship with parents that I cherish the most. I have had many email giggles with some parents and cried with many others. We have lamented over the idiocy of some things that the students have done and rejoiced in any of the small wins. Parents, I will miss our chats.

So Year 12, after thirteen long years, you have come to the end of your school education. There are mixed emotions around this day. To some relief that it is finally finished and looking forward to a time to rejuvenate. For others anxious of a world that *isn't* the thirteen-year routine of knowing what you were doing each day. Still others are numb, and it hasn't hit you yet. And still more might feel a little sad and mourn the loss of routine, peers, teachers, relationships, and normality. However you are feeling at the moment, it is to be respected for what school has been to you over the years and this in itself may have changed over the 6 years of high school.

I first met you in 2014 when I came to visit each class when you were in Year 6, and most of you were ready to leave the confines of primary school to stretch your wings at high school. I sat at my desk late one afternoon last week and looked over the Yr 7 photos – all 187 of you. You were actually cute then (well, most of you anyway)

We have lost a few along the way – we are at 119 graduating today. Some to other schools, some to jobs, others to TAFE courses, others still finding their way. But each one making the choice to do what they thought was the best option for them at the time – including yourselves who chose to finish what you started many years ago.

I have watched you go from the 'little fish' in a very new big pond to now trying to rule that pond. Your legacy will be one of how to handle situations with calmness and efficiency since you are the "*COVID cohort*" and can therefore handle any crisis that comes your way! A lot of you not only handled school and COVID, but your own personal crisis' this year. You are the epitome of the "E" in our CARE program – ENDURANCE and resilience. Keep up the good fight, all of you.

Our CARE program introduced us to four values. The values of compassion, appreciation, respect, and endurance. I hope you take these values with you into the next phase of your life.

Show *compassion* to everyone around you. As I've always told you, you don't know anyone else's story, and your compassion could make their day, their year or even save their life.

Appreciate every single day and what and who it holds. Be openly grateful and thankful. Look beyond yourselves and cherish your world and where you fit into it.

Respect yourself. Don't abuse yourselves or let others abuse you. God gave each of you a healthy strong beautiful mind and body. Use it, look after it, stand up for it. Respect those around you as you would expect others to respect you.

There will be times in your life when you will encounter sadness, disappointment, and loss. Some of you are dealing with those emotions now. It's ok to feel and experience emotions and 'react', in a safe manner, but eventually you need to embrace the challenge you have been presented. *Endurance* and resilience are skills that will develop when the time is right. Sometimes, though, we need to have the strength to ask for help, support and assistance to develop these skills.

My biggest regret, after watching you all grow for 6 years, is that I miss out on the best part. I miss out on you finally realising how great you are. Where you finally learn to be true to yourselves. Where you're not conforming to what others want you to be or what you think is expected of you. *You get to be you*. You now have the opportunity to reinvent yourselves and be true to you. Embrace it, cherish it, and make the most of it.

As Mr Magorium (from *Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium*) said "Your life is an occasion. Rise to it"

Farewell Year 12 and God Bless.

Mrs Cayte Pryor

Student Coordinator

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R U OK ? Day

Wearing bright yellow and matching smiles, students at St Paul’s Catholic College at Booragul supported the **R U OK ? Day** this year by holding a recess picnic so that students could eat with their friends and enjoy chatting together.

The students spent a few minutes each day this week learning some of the skills needed to check in on someone’s mental health.

On Monday, they learnt about the importance of initiating a conversation with a friend they might be worried about. A simple question like **R U OK?** Or How are things? Might lead to an important discussion.

On Tuesday, students learnt about listening with an open mind and offering suggestions to encourage a conversation now or later such as: “I’m here to listen if you want to talk more.”

On Wednesday, students were taught skills on how to encourage action by suggesting helpful steps that a person could take like speaking to a health professional or asking them to consider a positive step that might help begin a healing process.

On Thursday, students learnt about a checking in a strategy to follow up on previous conversations. Questions like, “Just wanted to check in and see how you’re doing?” or “Have things improved or changed since we last spoke?” might encourage further discussion.

To conclude this special week of learning about mental health, on Friday students enjoyed a picnic during recess. Yellow drinks and snacks were served to match the yellow dress theme and to remind students of the importance of reaching out to others when we are concerned about them.

Ms Kerrie-Lee Guest
Student Coordinator



Bon Appetit!

The Year 7 French classes enjoyed a sumptuous French breakfast last week. They tried croissants, baguettes with choice of topping (Nutella, jam and cream), as well as profiteroles. Well done Year 7.



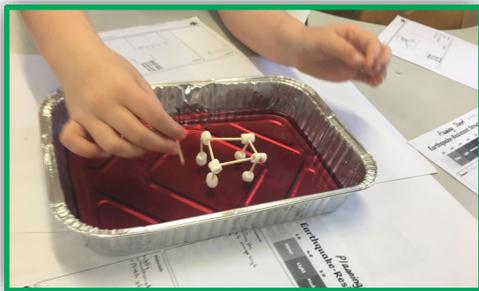
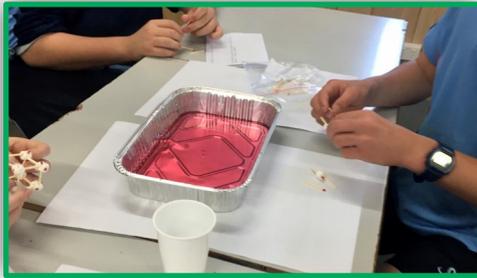
Mrs Christine Churchward
French Teacher



This term, Year 7 HSIE have been learning about geomorphic hazards, such as earthquakes, volcanoes, and landslides. To consolidate their learning, 7HSE6 and 7HSE2 conducted research on earthquake-resistant structures before putting their theory into action.

Using matchsticks and mini marshmallows, students created earthquake-resistant structures and tested these out against the 'seismic shockwaves' of jelly wobbled by Miss Dunne.

Reaching all the way to 9 on the jelly Richter scale, the majority of structures were left somewhat standing by the end!



Miss Alicia Dunne
English Teacher



BECOVIDSAFE

COVID-19 safe HSC exams



Symptoms? Stay home and get tested



Regularly wash your hands



Cough or sneeze into your elbow



Avoid touching your face

HSC exams will operate according to AHPPC advice for reducing the risk of the transmission of COVID-19 in schools. #StayHealthyHSC

For more COVID-19 advice and information about the changes made to this year's exams due to COVID-19, visit educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/covid



#2020HSC
#StayHealthyHSC

Stay healthy on your HSC journey

Questions about the HSC?
Contact the COVID-19 support team on 1300 138 323
email covid19support@nesa.nsw.edu.au
visit educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/stayhealthyHSC

Need help managing stress?
Visit ReachOut.com for information, tools and tips to turn exam stress into success. If you need help right now, call **Lifeline 13 11 14** or **Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800** or talk to your GP



Traffic Plan



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Front Gate & Pedestrian Footpath.
NO cars permitted entry to the College grounds
between 8.00am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4.00pm



Pedestrian Turnstile Entry / Exit Haydenbrook Drive for use
8.00am-9.30am
2.30pm-4.00pm

Parent Information

Setting a good example

Safety of students as they travel to and from school each day is important. It is expected that parents/carers, grandparents and family members will support the school through role modelling safe road use behaviours.

Arriving and Departing

Parent/carers and family members are encouraged to walk with their child to school to reduce traffic congestion around the school, to promote physical activity and to teach children about correct road use behaviours.

There are two points of entry into St Paul's Catholic College for this Year 7 to 12 College site:

- 1 One **pedestrian** access gate on Primrose street.
 - Students will follow the designated path from Primrose Street, past the Oval into the College.
- 2 One **pedestrian** Turnstile gate on Haydenbrook Drive (for use 8.00am - 9.30am and 2.30pm – 4.00pm)
 - Students will walk on the grass path to the Turnstile gate into the College grounds.

Students are expected to use the above two access points to enter the College.

Arrival and Departure by car:

For those parents/carers that need to drive their children to school, there is adequate parking in surrounding streets. For those parents needing to come to the office, they can park in the **top visitor carpark** on immediate entry to the college.

There is also a **kiss and drop zone** on the school side of Primrose Street where parents can drop their child off. Drivers are expected to abide by these parking regulations.

Restricted parking signs are in place around the school site to increase Student's safety. Drivers must abide by these parking regulations.

The College is located in a 40km school zone where a 40 km speed limit applies for the hours of 8.00-9.30am and 2.30-4.00pm on school days. The speed limit is lowered to 40km during these hours to increase the safety of the students arriving and departing the school. Drivers **must** abide by these speed regulations.

No unauthorised cars can enter past the College front gates between 8.00—9.30 and 2.30—4.00.

Parents can NOT drop students at the bus drop zone at the College roundabout during this time.

There is no kiss and drop zone on the College grounds.

Wet weather days are particularly hazardous for children as traffic increases, visibility of children is decreased, and slippery roads make driving conditions more difficult. Reduce speed, park correctly abiding by parking regulations. Students are encouraged to use umbrellas and raincoats on these wet days.

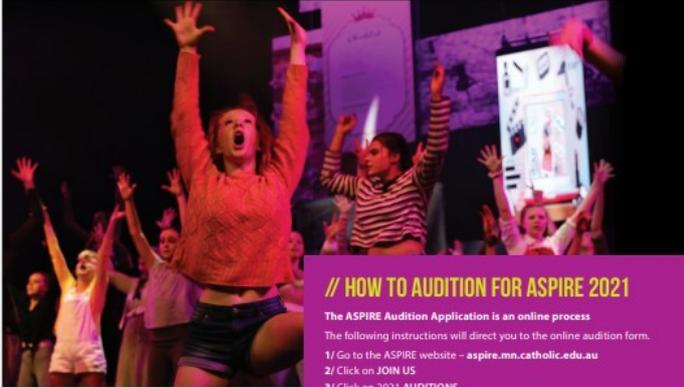
We thank you for your cooperation.

Mr Graeme Selmes
Principal



ASPIRE MUSIC.DANCE.DRAMA

AUDITIONS 2021



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The ASPIRE Audition Application is an online process. The following instructions will direct you to the online audition form.

- 1/ Go to the ASPIRE website – aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au
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// AUDITION DATES

DANCE:
Monday 26 October 2020

INSTRUMENTAL:
Monday 26 October 2020

DRAMA:
Junior: Tuesday 27 October 2020
and Wednesday 28 October 2020
Senior: Wednesday 28 October 2020

VOCAL:
Thursday 29 October 2020

Auditions for ASPIRE 2021 are now open for students from Year 4 to Year 12. The auditions will be held at the Newcastle Convention and Exhibition Centre (Wests Newcastle) which is on the site of the Old Newcastle Workers Club in Newcastle.

Registrations for Auditions close on Friday 25 September 2020.

An email will be forwarded to you during the first week of the holidays with all relevant audition information including your date and time.

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AUDITIONS 2021



// ENSEMBLES

DANCE AUDITION: MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2020
The dance audition is entirely workshop-based. You will be taken through some skills-based exercises before learning some new choreography. You may have an opportunity to add your own choreography so it's a good idea to have some ideas in your head about what you might do.

DRAMA AUDITION: TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2020 AND WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2020
The drama auditions are comprised of a half hour workshop comprising of a series of drama exercises in movement, voice, character work and devising (creating short scenes). Auditionees will also be required to prepare a short one minute monologue. A list of topics for Junior applicants will be on the website from Week 7 of Term 3 whilst Senior applicants will be required to source a monologue of their choice.

// INSTRUMENTAL AUDITION: MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2020

All instrumental auditions are 10 minutes. You are required to prepare a short piece that you feel shows off your ability. After performing your piece for the panel, you will either be given some sight reading, asked to perform some scales or asked to improvise around some chords or with another instrument.

// VOCAL AUDITION: THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER 2020

For your vocal audition you will be placed in a group of up to 20 students of similar age. The first part of the audition will comprise learning a new song as a group and some simple movement to go with it. This allows us to see how well you pick up new music, lyrics and movement and place them together, but it should also be fun! In the second half of the audition everyone will be required to sing the first verse and chorus of one of the ten selected songs. The list of songs will be live at the end of Term 3 2020. You will be required to sing with the backing track, and a link will be provided for each song so you can practice.

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ASPIRE AUDITION NUMBERS 2021

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

SCHOOL	2020	2021 As at 17/9/20 20
ABERMAIN	NA	-
ADAMSTOWN	13	5
BELMONT		2
BRANDTON	1	1
BULAHDELDAH		
CARDIFF	1	
CESSNOCK		
CHARLESTOWN	7	
CHISHOLM	11	4
DUNGOG		
DENMAN		
EAST MAITLAND	4	
EDGEWORTH		
FORSTER	5	
GATESHEAD	2	19
GLENDALE	6	1
GLOUCESTER	1	1
KILABEN BAY	2	1
KOTARA SOUTH	7	4
KURRI KURRI	4	
LAMBTON	5	
LOCHINVAR		1
MAITLAND	3	2
MAYFIELD		
MEREWETHER	7	5
MEREWETHER BEACH	18	9
MERRIWA	1	
MORISSET	2	
MUSWELLBROOK	2	1
NELSON BAY	1	

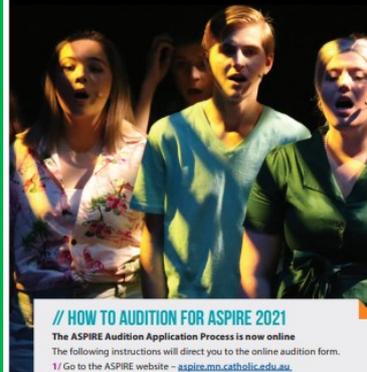
NEW LAMBTON	10	8
RAYMOND TERRACE	2	1
RUTHERFORD		
SCONE		
SHORTLAND		1
STOCKTON	2	
SWANSEA	1	
TAREE	2	
TARRO	7	
WALLSEND	1	
WARATAH	13	10
WARNERS BAY	20	2
WINDALE		
WINGHAM	1	
ST DOMINICS	1	1

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

ABERDEEN	6	5
ADAMSTOWN	75	26
BOORAGUL	47	12
CHISHOLM	18	4
GATESHEAD	45	20
HAMILTON	17	9
ASC LOCHINVAR	4	2
ASC ST MARY'S	6	1
ASC ST PETER'S	35	10
MAYFIELD	16	16
MEDOWIE	NA	5
SINGLETON	10	2
TAREE	9	5

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INFORMATION SHEET 2021



// ABOUT ASPIRE

ASPIRE is the Maitland/Newcastle Catholic Schools Office Creative and Performing Arts Program. With an emphasis on fostering creativity, ASPIRE has a large number of programs on offer including in school workshops and production support, professional development for staff as well as special projects in areas such as songwriting, scriptwriting, devising theatre and choreography. ASPIRE also produces an original theatrical performance annually where students audition to be part of either the design, drama, vocal, dance, instrumental and production ensembles.

// SAVE THE DATE 2021

ASPIRE @ THE CIVIC THEATRE
Wednesday 21 July 2021 at 11:00 am
Thursday 22 July 2021 at 11:00 am
Friday 23 July 2021 at 11:00 am
Friday 23 July 2021 at 7:00 pm
Saturday 24 July 2021 at 11:00 am
Saturday 24 July 2021 at 7:00 pm

\$12.50 PER STUDENT

Accompanying teachers free.
Tickets through Ticketek in Term 2, 2021

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Please note: Registration for Audition need to be completed and submitted by no later than Friday 25 September 2020

// AUDITION DATES

NEWCASTLE EXHIBITION AND CONVENTION CENTRE (WESTS NEWCASTLE) SITE OF THE OLD NEWCASTLE WORKERS CLUB

DANCE, STAGE INSTRUMENTAL	JUNIOR DRAMA	JUNIOR DRAMA AND SENIOR DRAMA	VOCAL
Monday 26 October 2020	Tuesday 27 October 2020	Wednesday 28 October 2020	Thursday 29 October 2020

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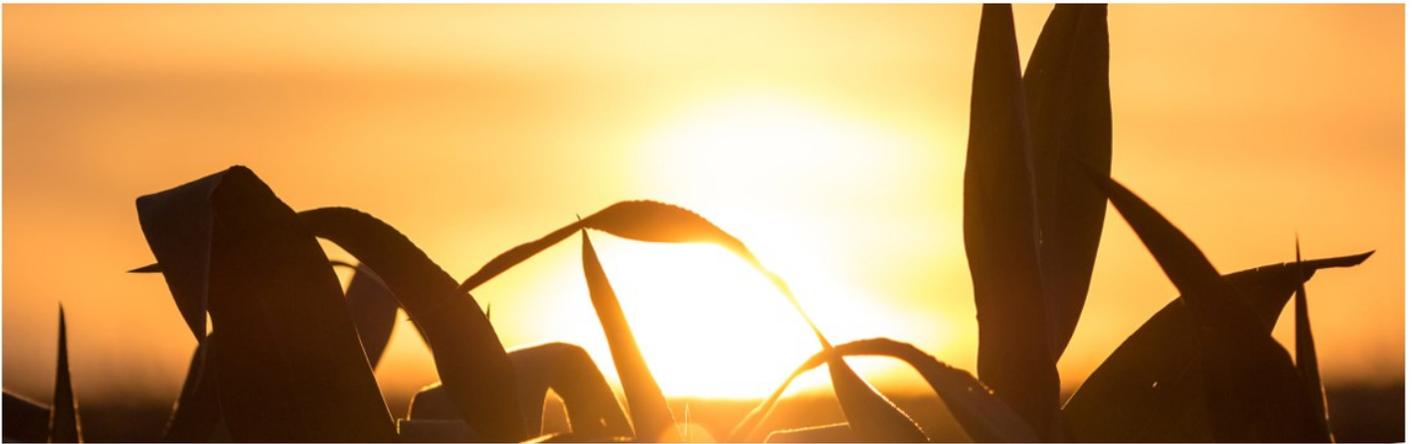
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Year 9 Food Technology

This week and last week the two Year 9 Food Technology classes cooked various sweet biscuits and bulk Spaghetti Bolognese to donate to the charity organisations 'Food and Friendship', and 'Soul Cafe', who help those in need in Newcastle and Warner's Bay areas. The classes have been working on the topic Food Equity, and the students worked beautifully making sure their food was of the highest quality. It was a very wholesome way to end the Term to make someone's day with their cooking skills!

Ms Olivia Barzen
Teacher





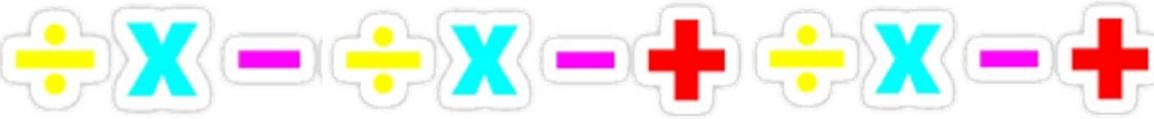
Sumrise is a before school mathematics infused breakfast program. Seize the day by getting your homework done with access to multiple mathematics teachers.

When: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 am – 8:40 am.

Where: Room A02 (upstairs mathematics room)

Breakfast: will be optional for students. We will have Up & Go breakfast drinks available for \$1.

Be there or be squared!



Mr Nick Ekin
Maths Teacher





Career Thought of the Week:



"Striving for success without hard work is like trying to harvest where you haven't planted"

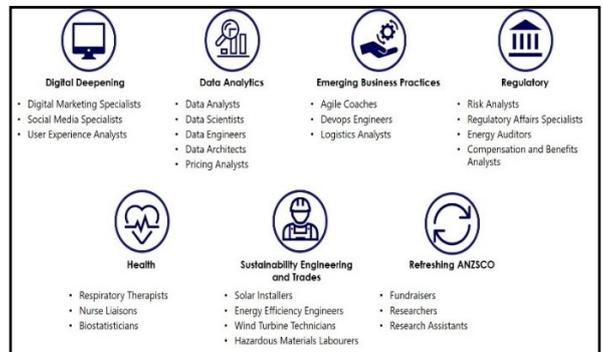
David Bly

Emerging Occupations

The National Skills Commission (NSC) has developed a data-driven approach to identify emerging occupations within Australia.

By identifying emerging skills and looking at how these skills change existing jobs, we are able to identify emerging or new jobs in the labour market.

New occupations often emerge as a result of the need to adapt and learn new skills. The current COVID-19 crisis has seen situations such as manufacturers having to learn new techniques to make unfamiliar, in demand products, and restaurant owners having to quickly developed or enhanced their skills in e-commerce, for example. The diagram below illustrates some emerging occupations. Students are encouraged to browse the [National Skills Commission](https://www.nsc.gov.au/) website and learn more about emerging occupations.



National Skills Week Podcast

Vocational Education and Training (VET) has been the foundation of Australia's strong and vibrant economy. It has produced industry leaders, it offers great diversity, new and exciting career paths, supports our resources and primary industries, builds our cities, supports our Tourism, our monuments, our heritage and much, much more.

National Skills Week is dedicated to raising the profile and status of vocational learning dispelling outdated myths and showcasing the attractive career opportunities for all Australians. Find out how more about National Skills in this [exclusive podcast](#) with CEO, Brian Wexham recorded by the Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information Service (AATIS). AATIS, which is a government funded organisation raises awareness of potential apprenticeship and traineeship pathways and is one of the sponsors of National Skills Week. They are aligned in their mission to showcase diverse career opportunities and pathways in VET using the [AAPathways website](#), app and resources. Find out more about AATIS [here](#).



Career as a Dermatologist

According to the [Good Universities Guide](#) a dermatologist specialises in the treatment of skin diseases such as eczema, acne, skin infections and psoriasis, using techniques such as ultraviolet light therapy, photodynamic therapy and laser treatment. Dermatologists also detect and treat skin cancers. Dermatologists fulfil activities such as performing skin examinations, informing patients about the need for annual screenings, sun protection, skin cancer awareness and skin-based self-examinations. They also diagnose and treat a range of skin conditions, including acne, skin cancer and athlete's foot.



A dermatologist needs to have good communication skills, be able to exercise high ethical standards, be compassionate, and also have a high degree of [motivation and self-discipline](#).

A dermatologist is a medical specialist which requires further study after completing a medical degree. To become a medical practitioner, students need to study medicine at university.

Studying Surveying – Life without Limits

Interested in Geography, Math's, Science, IT and/or the outdoors? Looking for a job that will not tie you to a desk? Surveying is the measurement and mapping of our surrounding environment using mathematics and specialised technology. Land surveyors are involved with a diverse variety of projects from land subdivision to tunnel building and major construction.



Importantly though, there is much more to surveying than taking measurements outdoors and then analysing them back in the office. Surveyors are often the first people on site during any construction process; they are the guardians of property law, and the creators of land titles. They are also the ones who can sign off on the position of new title boundaries. In all, surveyors are an integral part of the process in a wide variety of scenarios.

Students who wish to find out what surveying is, what surveyors do, where to study, and what it takes, might like to browse [A Life Without Limits](#)



A USI - Unique Student Identifier is a reference number that creates an online record of your training and qualifications attained in Australia. Current Year 12 students are reminded that you will need a USI number when applying for Commonwealth financial assistance when you enrol at university next year.

Some students who have already been studying a VET subject may already have one, and it is recommended students create or find their USI via www.usi.gov.au

A Day in the Life of a Geospatial Scientist

What is a geospatial professional?

This web series gives you a taste of the sort of variety and excitement a geospatial scientist can expect. Produced with Karen Joyce, this week-long visit to Heron Island has been made in to a 10-part series, so you can explore the life of a geospatial scientist now. [Start the journey here](#).



Friday 18 December: NSW HSC results released by NESA (6am)	Tuesday 15 December: Statement (including ATAR) issued by ACT BSSS
Friday 18 December: ATARs released by UAC (9am)	Friday 18 December: ATARs released by UAC (9am)

KEY OFFER DATES

All dates are subject to change. For the latest information, check uac.edu.au/key-dates.

Undergraduate

To ensure your application is assessed in time for a particular offer round, apply and provide your additional documentation as early as possible.

Offer round	Apply and pay by midnight on	Provide hardcopy documents by 4.30pm / upload PDF documents by midnight on	Change preferences by midnight on [^]	Offers released at 7.30am on
November Round 1	Thu 22 Oct 2020	Thu 29 Oct 2020	Sun 8 Nov 2020	Thu 12 Nov 2020
November Round 2	Thu 5 Nov 2020	Mon 9 Nov 2020	Sun 22 Nov 2020	Thu 26 Nov 2020
December Round 1	Mon 9 Nov 2020	Fri 13 Nov 2020	Sun 6 Dec 2020	Thu 10 Dec 2020
December Round 2	Mon 16 Nov 2020	Fri 20 Nov 2020	Sat 19 Dec 2020 (originally 17 Dec)	Wed 23 Dec 2020 (originally 21 Dec)
January Round 1	Fri 27 Nov 2020	Wed 30 Dec 2020	Sun 3 Jan 2021	Fri 8 Jan 2021
January Round 2	Fri 8 Jan 2021	Wed 13 Jan 2021	Sun 17 Jan 2021	Thu 21 Jan 2021
February Round 1	Fri 22 Jan 2021	Thu 28 Jan 2021	Sun 31 Jan 2021	Thu 4 Feb 2021
February Round 2	Fri 5 Feb 2021*	Fri 5 Feb 2021	Sun 7 Feb 2021	Thu 11 Feb 2021
March Round 1	Fri 5 Feb 2021*	Fri 26 Feb 2021	Sun 28 Feb 2021	Thu 4 Mar 2021

* This is the final closing date to apply for courses starting semester 1, 2021. If you apply close to or on this date, you may not have seven days to provide any documents that you need to include with your application.

[^] There are short periods before each offer round when you are unable to change your preferences in your application.

UAC Key Dates 2020-21

Yr. 12 Results and ATARs:

Important Dates for Term 3 2020

20th Sept SRS Applications close
 30th Sept UAC Applications close
 20th Oct HSC begins
 18th December ATARS released

Mr Craig McLoughlin
Careers Adviser



Casual Positions/Employment Links:



02 4967 1050

www.careerlinks.nsw.edu.au

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:

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The Pastoral Ministries, Formation and Education team of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle are looking for young people who are interested in exploring ministry in the Catholic Church as a career option.

The Diocese is offering the **Pastoral Placement Program** to school leavers. This program will begin in February 2021 and conclude in December 2021.

The following link will lead you to the website and a promotional video which provides examples into the experience of past Pastoral Placement Participants.

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/pastoral-placement-program/>

Applications are now open for the **Pastoral Placement Program 2021!** If you are interested in working in ministry for the Catholic Church to consider applying for this program through the Diocesan Website at

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/>

Mrs Renee Pola-Kuras
Ministry Coordinator



“
This opportunity has truly been a blessing from God.
”

“
It's been an eye-opening, life-changing opportunity that I will never forget.
”

“
My world view has changed so much – faith really does matter.
”

“
A year full of laughs, fun, learning and meaning.
”

Pastoral Placement Program

PROGRAM COMMENCES FEBRUARY 2021

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is offering a pastoral placement program for people seeking to explore opportunities to serve God and God's people through various ministries:

- ▶ **Parishes**
Liturgy, Pastoral Care, Faith Formation
- ▶ **Chaplaincies**
Hospitals, Port
- ▶ **Catholic Schools**
Administration, Pastoral Care, Teaching, Religious Education & Spirituality
- ▶ **CatholicCare Social Services**
Child, Youth and Family Services, Disability Programs, DARA's Van and Refugee Hub
- ▶ **Catholic Mission, Caritas**
- ▶ **Pastoral Ministries**
Faith and Ministry Formation, Mum's Cottage, Marriage & Relationship Education
- ▶ **Youth Ministries**
ACTiv8 Chisholm, Diocesan Council of Ministry with Young People (DCMYP)
- ▶ **St Nicholas Early Education**
- ▶ **Diocesan Shared Services**
such as Human Resources, IT, Finance, Communications and Records Management

This position would suit people who are keen to work in the following fields: Social work, Psychology, Teaching, Theology, Religious Education, Chaplaincy, Youth Ministry, Religious Life and Priesthood.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2020

For further info and to apply, please visit the **Positions Vacant** page at www.mn.catholic.org.au or E formed@mn.catholic.org.au or P 4979 1193



ENGINEERS
AUSTRALIA

Discover Engineering Newcastle - Online Forum

A free online forum for all high school students interested in learning about engineering as a career choice.

4:30pm, Wednesday 21 October 2020

Online via Webex - Link will be provided upon registration

Discover Engineering provides the opportunity for high school students interested in an exciting career in engineering to hear real life experiences from young engineers across the various engineering disciplines who will share their career path and practical first hand knowledge.

University & TAFE NSW representatives will also participate in the Q&A session to answer questions on course information and subject selection.

Upon registration, you will receive a link to access Your Virtual STEM Resource Kit!

engineersaustralia.org.au

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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.

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

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.

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

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 download the iPhone app or from Google Play for Android phones. Simply:

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Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children

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www.booragul.catholic.edu.au



Mrs Betty Harris—Finance Officer

finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au



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Contact
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* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

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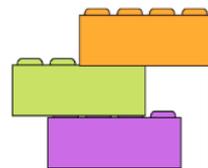
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