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Photo by Andy Warren

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Recently I spoke with year 12 at their Awards ceremony about the importance of having a plan and setting goals. It is nothing new to suggest that a plan and goals enable us to stay on course in our endeavors, whatever they may be, it also allows us to reassess when needed to see if we are on the right path to achieve these goals.

Regardless of where each student is achieving at the moment, there is well-documented evidence to support the notion that what each student does between now and their Trials and HSC will have a significant impact on their outcomes. I challenge Year 12 to commit to and focus on their studies over the coming months, other areas of their lives should be pared back to allow students to increase their efforts and time on their studies. I encourage students to continue to have a balance of study, exercise, social, work, and family life. To give themselves the best opportunity to achieve to their potential then the bias in these aspects of their lives should be towards their preparation for the HSC.

With HSC Trials at the end of this term and then the final 10 weeks of school in term 3, the time is now for students to perhaps reorient themselves to their studies.

Earlier this week Year 11 and Year 12, along with their parents were invited to Information Nights. Monday night Year 11 was the focus with presentations on 'Supporting Your Child Through Senior Studies'. Mrs Carter and Mrs Shipman outlined some strategies and important processes for students and families to consider as they move into their 2<sup>nd</sup> term of senior studies. A general theme of the evening was to take time to think about what are the outcomes students want from their two years of senior studies, where do they want to be, what opportunities they would like to have, and then to put in place strategies as an individual and as a family to achieve these.

Year 12 students and parents meet on Tuesday evening, the information presented this evening had a different focus. Informing students and families on what to expect over the final months of their school life. A lot of the practical aspects of the end of school and moving into the various pathways that students have to consider were explained in detail. It was great to see to the number of students and families at this evening supporting each other and engaged in maximising the outcomes for their child.

Next Monday from 5:30 in the Damascus Center is another parent and student information evening. The Subject Expo evening is primarily about the courses the college offers in years 11 and 12. This allows year 10 students to build their understanding of what is available and what is appropriate for their level of achievement. Each faculty will have an area to showcase the course in their faculty. Teachers and Leaders of Learning will be there to talk with students and their parents about the courses and how they might relate to each student and their goal. Importantly, details of the process to select courses will be covered as well. I strongly encourage all year 10 students and their Parent/Carers to attend. The evening will begin at 5:30, at 6:30 there will be a 45 min presentation in the Hall. Following this, the Showcase will be on again in the Damascus Center. This will allow students and parents to choose to have the presentation at the end or at the beginning of their evening.

In presenting the above commentary I am conscious that for our older students there are certainly areas for them to be considering and responding to. I always encourage students and families to be aware that there is support in many forms here at the college to help students at any stage of their journey. Please have conversations with us if there are some aspects you have noticed or are feeling that have caused any concerns for yourself or your children.

**Mr Colin Mulhearn**  
Principal

## Year 11 2022 Subject Expo

We are looking forward to hosting our Year 10 students and their families at our College Subject Expo which will be held on 17 May starting at 5:30pm in the Damascus Centre. This event is also open to prospective Year 10 students and their families. A formal presentation will start at 6:15pm in the College Hall and all Year 10 Students and families are encouraged to attend to ensure they have the relevant information to support them in making decisions about Stage 6 studies. The Subject Expo will recommence at 7:00pm following the formal presentation.

This event is a different format to what has happened previously for subject selection. The Expo is interactive and teachers, along with current students and past students, will be available to discuss course options and answer questions. By holding the expo over two sessions there is a choice to visit the displays either side of the formal presentation.

A copy of the Subject Selection Handbook will be made available to students on the night. We encourage students and their families to visit our Subject Selection website, created by our students, for our students, to discover the opportunities and experiences available in our extensive range of courses on offer at St Paul's.

<https://spcc-subjects.weebly.com/>

This event marks a significant transition for Year 10 students. Progressing into the senior years of schooling is an exciting time, irrespective of whether that involves moving towards the Higher School Certificate or a vocational qualification. Students entering Stage 6 of their school education are, for the first time, presented with a range of choices in terms of the selection of subjects available to them. The significance of the selection of subjects for study in Stage 6 is of great importance as they directly lead to the awarding of the Higher School Certificate.

St Paul's is committed to developing and challenging the minds of our students, whilst providing a wealth of opportunities for them to fully realise their unique potential, passions and purpose in life, in these critical final years.

St Paul's students have access to a contemporary curriculum and innovative facilities which allows us to cater for a wide variety of student interests and abilities. Our focus for the senior years, is on preparing our students for their chosen pursuits albeit university entry, vocational education and training, or post school employment. We are looking forward to walking this journey in partnership with students and their families.



**You're invited to attend**

**SENIOR SUBJECT EXPO EVENING FOR YEAR 11 2022**

St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul

Venue: Damascus Centre & School Hall  
Date: Monday 17 May 2021  
Time: 5.30pm

**Invitation is open to all**

Enquiries please contact:

- ☎ (02) 4958 6711
- ✉ [admin@booragul.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@booragul.catholic.edu.au)
- 📍 Primrose Street, Booragul 2284

The poster includes the St Paul's Catholic College logo and three images: a student working on a laptop in a library, a student in a kitchen, and a student in a classroom.

## NAPLAN

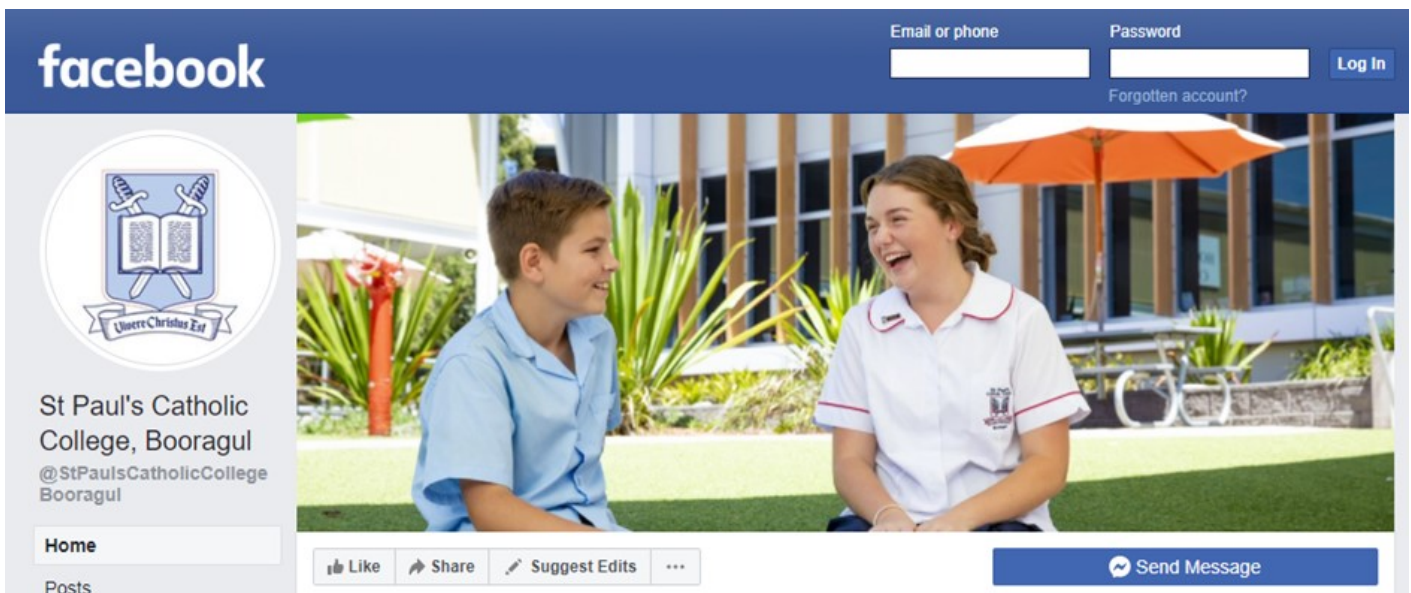
NAPLAN tests continue for our Year 7 and Year 9 students. We thank them for their diligence and organisation in ensuring their device is ready and they have headphones. While the information obtained from these tests is used by schools, this data is analysed from the perspective that it is a point in time test, and it is not indicative of the skills and talents of our students. St Paul's teachers are able to use several sources of data to make determinations about teaching and learning at the college to ensure expectational outcomes for our students. Thanks is also extended to Mrs Lauren McCafferty and Mrs Nicole Yates, along with their team, for their organisation and administration of the tests.

## Preparing for Year 13 & Supporting Your Child Through Senior Studies Information Sessions

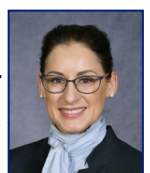
Thank you to the families who came along to the information sessions that were held this week. The focus of the Year 11 session was supporting your child through the challenges of senior studies and what our expectations are of our senior students. Year 12 students and families were able to obtain information about post-school pathways – Year 13. We emphasised at each session that our vision for St Paul's students is that they are successful, resilient and resourceful learners who know the value of learning for life. Further to this, it is our vision that St Paul's students know their leadership capacity and become an integral part of the fabric of our College community and beyond. By leadership, we are referring to student's awareness of their influence they have in a community. Along with Mr Mulhearn and Mrs Shipman, I extend our thanks to Mr Craig McLoughlin our VET/Careers Leader of Learning and our Leaders of Engagement and Wellbeing, Mrs Cayte Pryor (Year 11), and Mrs Jessica Dufty and Mrs Blair Brownlee (Year 12) for their support at these information sessions.

## Follow us on Facebook!

We are excited to announce that St Paul's Catholic College has now joined Facebook. Follow us for up to date information, notifications of events and photos.



**Mrs Amber Carter**  
**Assistant Principal—Teaching & Learning**





## Year 7 Aboriginal Storytelling Experience

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May Year 7 were able to welcome Elder Revd. Dianne Langham into our school. Aunty Di is from the Boandik mob from South Australia and spoke to us about The Dreaming, and the importance of storytelling for Aboriginal people.

Students from our Aboriginal Leadership team Antonio Multari and Jorja Powell welcomed Aunty Di with a fantastic performance on the clapping sticks while Damien Jolliffe played the Yidaki.

*The storytelling started with Year 12 student Damien Jolliffe playing the Yidaki, he made sacred animal sounds and it was amazing. Then Aunty Dianne spoke about her culture, childhood, and current job. Aunty Dianne told her story of when she was a child growing up and the difficulties she had to face. We listened as she spoke of the Stolen Generation and the effects government policy had on her, her family and community. We listened as she explained how frightened and scared she felt as a child and how it is still relevant today for Aboriginal people. We all sat very quietly as Aunty Dianne told the story of "How the Birds got their colours" which was one of our favourites.*

*Aunty Di also talked of her work in the corrective services.*

*Rev Dianne Langham talked about totems and she said that her totem was a whale and Damien Jolliffe explained that his totem is a goanna. Damien also explained how a Yidaki is made. Damien explained how you must make a circular motion with your breathing to make the noises in the Yidaki that you want, and you also must have a vibration in your voice tone.*

*It was a great experience.*

**Written by Antonio Multari, Ellie Bridger-Darling and Terry Russo**

**Miss Astro Stewart  
Aboriginal Liaison Officer**



## What a week! Well done Year 10 Camp participants!!!!

Challenge Camp for Year 10 2021 began with its own set of 'challenges' due to the ongoing COVID restrictions in this current environment. However, this didn't stop the Year 10 students being able to participate in the experience of attending camp.

The students were split into two groups of approximately 58 students each. Camp 1 attended Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May through to the Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May. While students on Camp 2 began their experience on the Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May and completed their journey on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May. The students began and ended their journey with both a bus and ferry ride to/from the Sport and Recreation Camp on the Hawkesbury River in Broken Bay. They were given the chance to immerse themselves into camp life through communal eating, 'roughing it' in lodge style cabins, and trekking through the bush. Although Camp 1 had the better weather, this did not dampen the overall experience for students. Various activities that were included in the program included raft building, riding surf skis, bush walks, fire making, cooking damper, physical sports, ball games, archery, and trivia. The overall feedback and experience for the students was pleasing and were very happy to have some time away from school.

Thank you to the staff that offered their time away as well. This is a huge ask to be away from their families and the busyness of life. We are so very grateful to have a supportive team willing to look after our wonderful Year 10 cohort. Thank you to Renee Pola-Kuras, Anne-Maree Shipman, Anne-Maree Melocco, Matthew Cook, Emily Heads, Felicity Howard, Nicholas Ekin, David Trimble, Samantha Smith and Cheryl Wills.

**Link below to website with more camp photos!**

<https://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/news-events/galleries/year-10-camp/>



**Mr Luke Baker**  
**Student Coordinator**







## Drama for Sport

This term we have added Drama as an option to be involved in during Friday sport time for students in years 8, 9 and 10. During these sessions we are going to be working as an ensemble group to physically explore the performance skills of communication, collaboration, concentration, and creativity. We currently have 15 students involved in this performance group who for the last two sessions have worked together with enthusiasm to create a supportive environment where all can be wholeheartedly involved to the best of their ability. During this term we will be working on character development, staging skills and theatresports activities.

Next term Drama for sport will also be offered as a Friday afternoon option, however the focus next term will be on rehearsing for the **School Production**. At this stage it is unknown what play we will be performing as it will be selected based on student numbers wishing to be involved. All students will be welcome to become a part of the school production, on stage or as a part of the crew if they select this option for sport next term. It is likely the production will take place in term 4, towards the end of the school year.

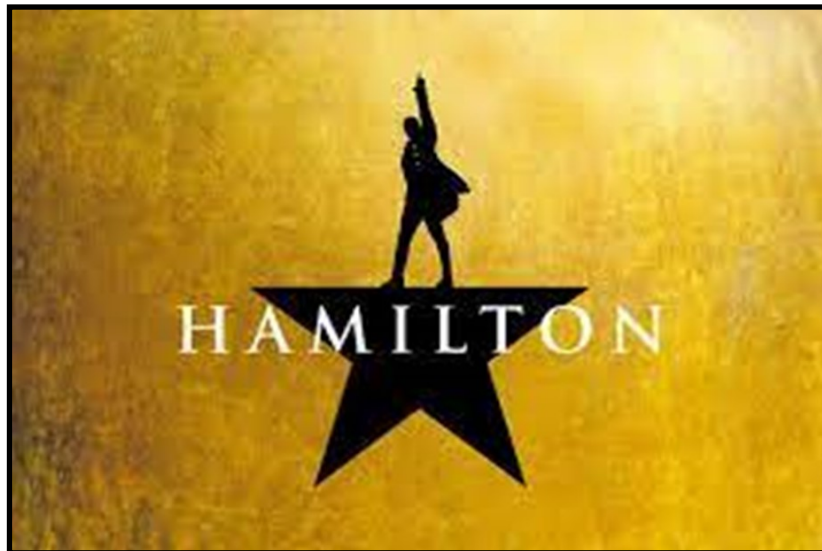
If students have any questions about being involved in the **2021 Drama Production** please come and have a chat to Ms Burt.



*Students enjoying Drama for Sport*

**Mrs Cassie Burt**  
Drama Teacher





## **GET EXCITED CAPA STUDENTS!!**

The **Hamilton** excursion is coming soon

- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September**
- **Term 3 – Week 10**

Music/ Visual Arts/ Drama Students

Start Saving **\$100.00** for ticket & transport

More Information coming soon.....







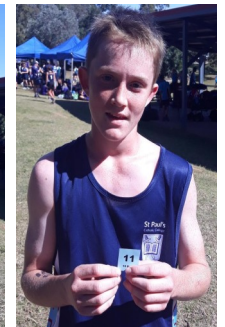
## Diocesan Cross Country

On Thursday 29 April we had the pleasure of accompanying 30 of our students to Cross Country at Glenbawn Dam, near Aberdeen. We left at 7am, and were home at 4pm. All students were very well-behaved and great representatives for St. Paul's. It was an enjoyable day, although it was a very difficult track, a real cross country course.



The top six students in each age group will represent St Paul's at CCC (state), with students in 7th and 8th on standby if needed. We have five students who achieved this and one on standby:

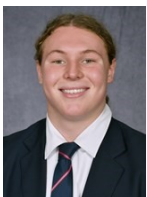
- ⇒ **Gabby Sneddon - 3rd in 17s girls**
- ⇒ **Paige Wheeler - 4th in 16s girls**
- ⇒ **Holly Kehoe - 7th in 16s girls (standby)**
- ⇒ **Madeline Platt - 1st 13s girls**
- ⇒ **Jacob Wheeler - 5th in 14s boys**
- ⇒ **Grady Platt - 2nd in 15s boys**



We would like to congratulate all our students for putting the effort into attending the day and competing in this difficult event.

**Mrs de Winter, Mrs Wills, Mr Cook and Mr Pettinari**

## Representative Rugby League



Riley Cullen (Year 12) was selected in the Opens Boys Northern Rugby League Team. This team will travel to St Mary's in Week 5 to compete in the NSW CCC Championships. We wish Riley and the team the best of luck.

## Friday Sport Representative Teams

Congratulations to the Students who have been selected and are participating in the Friday Sport Representative teams. Students participate in a round robin competition each week against St Pius X High School Adamstown, (SPX) St Clemente High School Mayfield, (SCM) St Mary's Catholic College Gateshead (SMCC) and St Bede's Catholic College Chisholm. (SBCC).

### Week 2 results:

Year 8 Boys Football St Paul's Catholic College—**Week 2 - Bye and Week 3 - SPX 10 /SPCC 0**

Year 8 Girls Football St Paul's Catholic College—**Week 2 - SPCC and SCM Draw Week 3 - SPCC 2 /SMCC 1**

Year 9/10 Boys Oz-Tag St Paul's Catholic College—**Week 2 - SPCC 6 /SCM2 2 Week 3 - SPCC 3 /SPX 15**

Year 9/10 Girls Oz-Tag St Paul's Catholic College—**Week 2 SPCC 7 /SCM2 1 Week 3 - SPCC 6 /SPX 8**

Year 9/10 Boys Basketball St Paul's Catholic College—**Week 2 - SPCC lost to SMCC Week 3 - SPCC lost to SCM (no scores)**

Year 9/10 Girls Basketball St Paul's Catholic College—**Week 2 - SPCC def SMCC Week 3 - SPCC def SMC ( no scores)**

Year 8 Girls Netball St Paul's Catholic College—**Week 2 - SPCC 15/ SBCC2 18 Week 3 - SPCC def SBCC ( no score).**

**Good Luck this week!**



### Diocesan, NSWCCC and All Schools Rep Sport

For those students who want to participate in Rep Sport at a higher level, there are options to represent in Diocesan and State levels.

**Registrations 2021 for pathway sports** are via the [CSNSW.sport](https://csnsw.sport) portal.

For instructions on how to register see the info included in this newsletter or go to: [Guide For Parents – Sport Registrations](#) >>

For further information, go to the CSNSW Sport website Sport pages.

### Physical Activity 4 Everyone (PA4E1)

Did you know your child should be doing at least 1 HOUR of physical activity each day? Read more: <https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-publth-strateg-phys-act-guidelines>

Have you used your child’s \$100 Active Kids Voucher? Find a fun activity and move your body. Find out more: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/active-kids>

**Mrs Fran Heard and  
Mrs Brigid de Winter  
Sports Co-ordinators**



## **Aspire Intern – Paid Internship 12 months (approx. 2 days per week but also including extra rehearsals and the entirety of Production Week**

ASPIRE is offering one paid internship to a student from our Diocese interested in learning more about the Creative Arts industry and the management of a Creative Arts Program. This position is suited to students considering a career in the arts industry, whether it be, theatre, music, visual arts or theatre production.

As part of the ASPIRE Internship the successful candidate will:

- Support the Artistic Director through preparation, planning, rehearsal, and performance of the ASPIRE 2022 production.
- Assist in the preparation of major ASPIRE events such as the Song Competition, Senior Theatre Makers and DRAMA FEST.
- Maintain a fortnightly blog about their experiences.
- Have their own individual self-developed project, created in discussion with the Artistic Director and based on their area of interest.
- Attend ASPIRE committee meetings.
- Attend industry meetings and gain insight into working with creative organisations such as Australian Theatre for Young People and Catapult Dance.
- Be part of a minimum of one ASPIRE In Schools collaboration.

The salary for this position will be \$26,000, commencing the week of 24 January 2022 and concluding on week beginning 20 December 2022 with 4 weeks annual leave available.

### **Position Requirements**

- Good verbal and written communication skills
- A genuine interest in the Creative Arts with a particular interest in Production, Theatre, Music or Visual Art
- Initiative and an ability to work independently.
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Be a current year 12 student attending a Diocese of Maitland - Newcastle Catholic School or be a former student of a Diocese of Maitland -Newcastle school and be under 20 years of age.

Applicants are invited to forward their CV, and an expression of interest addressing the position requirements outlining why you are interested in the position and a written reference to **Anne Atkins** ([anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au)) by **Monday 12 July 2021** (Week 1 of Term 3). Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview with members of the ASPIRE committee.



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School's password – 52success

## Canteen Volunteers Urgently Needed for 2021



St Paul's is in URGENT need of

Canteen Volunteers for 2021

If you are able to help out it would be greatly appreciated.

Please phone Mrs Carolyn Stanton on 4946 3115

for more information



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/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 2021 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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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

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

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

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

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



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





## Billing of School Fees



As you are aware we have moved to an annual billing cycle.

School fee statements will be sent out at the end of April. We ask that parents who have not yet returned their Payment Frequency Form please complete and return to the Finance Office as soon as possible (copy available on Compass).

We remind you the fee payment should have commenced by now and if paying by instalment we ask that accounts are finalised by 30 November 2021. If paying in full please finalise prior to 30 June 2021.

***Payments can be made via BPay, direct debit or credit card.***

For families experiencing financial hardship, or wishing to discuss other payment arrangements please contact the Office.



Term 2 2021		
<b>Week 5</b>	Monday 17 May Monday 17 May Wednesday 19 May Thurs 20 May Fri 21 May	Senior Subject Expo Evening NSW All Schools Sailing NSWCCC Rugby Trials Year 10 Vietnam Day NSW CCC Knockout Football
<b>Week 6</b>	Monday 24 May Tuesday 25 May Tuesday 25 May Wednesday 26 May Thursday 27 May	NSW All Schools Strokeplay Golf NSW All Schools Rugby U/16, U/18 NSW All Schools AFL Boys Selection School Photos Year 10 Vaccinations
<p>Please see website for further Calendar dates  <a href="http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/news-events/events-calendar/">http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/news-events/events-calendar/</a></p>		

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



NATIONAL 17-23 MAY 2021  
**VOLUNTEER**  
WEEK  
RECOGNISE. RECONNECT.  
REIMAGINE.

# VOLUNTEER WEEK MOVIE NIGHT

THURS 20 MAY - 5.30PM  
EVENT CINEMAS KOTARA



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Please RSVP by Friday 14th May by emailing  
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### Switch/Reception

Hours: 8.15am until 4.00pm

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### Finance Office

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### Canteen

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