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***“We are in the country of the Awabakal peoples. We respectfully acknowledge their elders, celebrating their continuing culture and the living memory of their ancestors.”***

The following passage from Matthew’s Gospel was selected for the Liturgy for ‘Socktober’ which supports the work of Catholic Mission in Ethiopia.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!

St Paul

**Pray for us**

Jesus reminds us with the Parable of the Sower we need the right conditions to build His kingdom and people need to be open to hearing the messages of God. Through our support of Catholic Mission, we are responding to Pope Francis’ call to be *a witness of love in the world*.

## **Socktober**

Thursday Week 3 saw the students wear colourful socks as the school raised funds to support the work of Catholic Mission. Students also took part in a ‘Sockball’ penalty shootout with teachers acting as goal keepers at Lunchtime.

Catholic Mission are supporting the people of Ethiopia as famine continues to impact the country as a result of the drought in this part of the world.

Thank you to those students and families who supported the work of Catholic Mission on the day. Thanks also to Mr Doyle and Mrs Pola-Kuras who coordinated the day and for the teachers who supported the activities.





### Year 11 Awards Ceremony

It was wonderful to affirm Year 11 students in Week 3 at their Awards Ceremony. Students received a range of academic and CARE awards at the ceremony.

It was also an opportunity to remind Year 11 of the importance of making the most of their time in class over the coming twelve months as they work towards completing their HSC and achieving their best possible results.

It was pleasing parents and family members were able to also join us for the celebrations to support their children.



## Year 12 Diocesan Leaders Retreat

This week our four School Leaders, Regan, Ellarna, Joseph and Ben joined with other Year 12 Leaders from across the diocese for a three-day retreat in Newcastle. Br Damian Price, a Christian Brother from Brisbane was invited to work with the students throughout the week. He challenged the students on Monday night at dinner to think about how they could make a difference in the world, drawing from the inspiration of people like St Mother Teresa and Nelson Mandell. The students also celebrated mass together as well as undertaking some pastoral work.

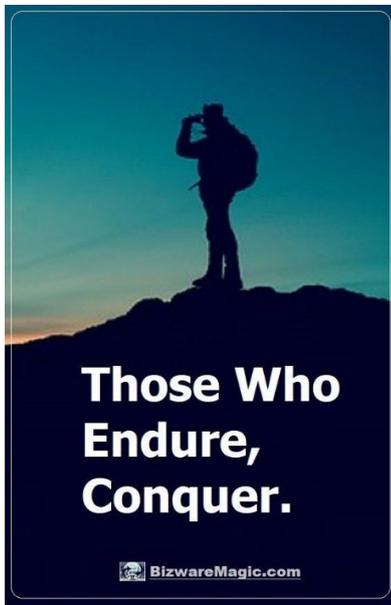
Thanks to Mr Doyle and Mrs Brownlee for supporting the students during the retreat.



**Mr Nicholas Wickham**  
**Principal**



Congratulations to our class of 2022 who have now successfully completed their HSC examinations. This group have certainly typified what it means to have grit, determination and resilience. They have, over the last two years been flexible in their learning and have accepted the challenges that have been thrown their way. It has been wonderful hearing the stories of early entry into university, traineeships and apprenticeships being attained and scholarships being granted to students to assist them as they move into their next phase of life. We look forward to celebrating with the class of 2022 at the end of this week.



### Safety at school

To ensure that all students are safe at school and our learning environments are kept clean, a number of items are BANNED at school. Please ensure that no student carries any of the following items onto the school premises.

The following items are not to be used or brought to school:

- artline/thick textas or felt tipped markers
- pressure pack cans/aerosols
- chewing gum
- lighters/matches
- sharp instruments
- substances which are illegal for children under 18 such as alcohol, cigarettes, drugs, vapes
- energy drinks

If students need to carry deodorant, they must be roll on only.

### Train Travellers

Train travellers are to board and alight all train services from Booragul station only. No student is to use Teralba train station when traveling to and from school. Booragul station is the most direct route to and from the St Paul's campus. This will ensure that students are at school when school begins at 8.45am.

## Parent Resource

The following link has some excellent resources for parents. This link can be found on our webpage and includes articles on Understanding Adolescence, School Refusal, Resilience, Blended Families, Internet Addiction and so much more. The articles provide some great discussions and suggestions about assisting our teenagers when navigating the teenage years.

<https://booragul.catholic.schooltv.me/category-latest-newsletter>



## School Socks

As a result of the recent change to school socks for the boys, Verdun Hiles at Toronto are selling the blue marle long socks at a reduced price.

***Mrs Anne-Maree Shipman***  
***Assistant Principal - Wellbeing & Engagement***





## **Career Thought of the Week:**

“The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will.”

**Vincent T Lombardi**



## **Women in Trades**

The Productivity Commission White Paper identified that the lack of women in trades is a serious economic issue and that women are vital in addressing skill shortages in Australia. Currently, women only make up 2% of qualified tradespeople showing that perceptions still exist about suitable roles for women contributing to male dominance in trades.

A trade career offers job stability and economic security. With an average salary of \$80,000 and over 60 trades listed as having shortage, this pathway is worth exploring.

There's never been a better time with state governments funding all kinds of training and programs to increase women in trades and fill in demand roles.

## **Girls looking to a trade can utilize a couple of resources below:**

Tradeswomen Australia has an abundance of podcasts with women from all different trades telling their story (see below)



### **Stefanie – Carpenter**

3 December 2021

Stefanie is a multi-skilled tradeswomen advocate. Setting up a network called Tradie Lady Club on Facebook, she is a role model for many tradeswomen throughout

**LISTEN NOW**



### **Alisha – Painter**

3 December 2021

Alisha is a focused, hands on painting pro, who was inspired to start her own business. Read about her trade, passions and advice below: Why

**LISTEN NOW**

# Australian Apprenticeship Pathways 'Steps to an Apprenticeship'

## STEPS TO AN AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIP

### 1. Research

- Discover what apprenticeships and traineeships are all about
- Find out which industry is right for you by checking out the Career Interest Explorer and Work Type Explorer
- Learn more about apprenticeship and traineeship occupations by checking out Job & Training Descriptions

### 2. Preparation

- Put your knowledge to the test by trying a Literacy & Numeracy Quiz
- Learn about pre-apprenticeships and whether they would be right for you
- Learn about the organisations that are involved throughout an apprenticeship and traineeship, and how the training works
- Find out what wages and entitlements you will get as an apprentice or trainee
- If you are an unemployed job seeker, you should contact your jobactive provider or find a provider who can support you

### 3. Job Hunting

- Check out the MyGain YouTube channel and talk to family and friends to find out how other people got their apprenticeship or traineeship
- Find out how to research and approach employers to increase your chance of success
- Contact Group Training Organisations and Australian Apprenticeship Support Network providers to see if they have any positions
- Visit job search sites to find advertised vacancies
- Tailor your resume and cover letter for the job you want before you apply

### 4. Sign Up

- Once you have found an employer who is interested in taking you on as an apprentice or trainee, they will need to contact an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network provider to organise the sign up
- Once you are signed up, you will start your work as an apprentice or trainee, and your off the job training with a registered training provider

[aapathways.com.au/steps](http://aapathways.com.au/steps)

## Be Successful at University or TAFE

What do I need to remember to be successful in my first year of Uni or TAFE?

- I should attend orientation and transition activities – that way I can find out about support and advisory services available to me!
- I need to seek assistance to learn expectations of my lecturers – I will have to learn about tertiary essay writing, using sources, avoiding plagiarism, and managing my time, etc.
- I must remember to ask for help – no-one will necessarily be offering any!
- I will need to be an independent learner – my lecturers and tutors will not be reminding me about deadlines!
- I will need to take charge of my own learning – no-one will be checking up on me to see if I am keeping up with work or assignments!
- I will need to organise my time effectively – there are no bells to remind me where to be!
- I must remember that my classes may be much larger than what I have been used to at school – I will receive less individual attention!
- I must make friends – building new friendship groups will help me cope and help me stay motivated



## Career as an Arborist ??



According to [SEEK](#), Arborists provide professional advice on trees and tree care. They plant, prune, shape and remove plants, trees, hedges and bushes to ensure their health, safety and attractiveness. Arborists may also treat trees with fertilizers and insecticides.

Their tasks and duties include -

- Planting trees, taking into consideration the appropriate location, the right tree species, and the care and maintenance that is required for a tree to thrive.
- Investigating the health and condition of trees and assessing necessary treatment.
- Pruning trees by removing branches or reducing the size of trees using handsaws and chainsaws. Pruning may be necessary due to disease, decay, storm damage, safety or aesthetics.
- Removing trees when they have sustained damage, become too big or present a risk to people or property.
- Removing stumps so that the remaining root systems do not cause damage or look unsightly.
- Advising on appropriate use of insecticides and fertilizers.

In a recent article on [7news.com.au](#) written by Rachael Ward, attention is brought to the fact that there is a dire shortage of arborists, and the number of arborists must double within five years to keep pace with the growth in demand for green spaces across the country. Furthermore, this profession is on the federal government's skills priority list and is listed as in strong demand across every state and territory

### **Important Dates for Term 4, 2022**

1<sup>st</sup> Nov. YES Program begins

7/8<sup>th</sup> Nov. RSA/RCG at school

11<sup>th</sup> Nov. SRS Offers

15<sup>th</sup> Dec. HSC Results & ATARS released

## 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:



**1st Year Apprentice Baker -  
Bakers Delight GreenHills &  
Rutherford**

We are recruiting 1st Year Apprentice Bakers for our bakeries at Green Hills and Rutherford.

Joining our team and completing an Apprenticeship with Bakers Delight involves more than just going to school or training. Our Apprentices are hands-on from day one. You will learn the art and science of baking through formal training, one-on-one coaching and support from Bakers Delight mentors.

If you are reliable team player with the energy, enthusiasm and willingness to learn, then this could be the opportunity for you.

Please forward your resume to [hd.recruitment@bpd.com.au](mailto:hd.recruitment@bpd.com.au)



**Trainee IT Support Officer -  
Expression of Interest -  
Tamworth or Mayfield**

**About Us**  
Operating across over 80 locations in NSW, Joblink Plus is a diverse not-for-profit, purpose-led organization. We provide community-based employment services, training programs, and individual support to many community members.

**About the Role**  
With a genuine interest in Information Technology, and excellent customer service skills you will assist our dedicated IT team to provide technical support, guidance and solutions to staff using technical systems, while you undertake a Certificate IV in Information Technology.

**About You**  
You will have:

- Demonstrated aptitude for IT processes
- Proven analytical & problem-solving skills with excellent attention to detail
- A passion for customer service with outstanding communications skills
- Excellent problem solving & attention to detail

This trainee position will be based at our Tamworth or Mayfield Office. Location will be negotiated with the successful candidate.

If you would like to be part of an organisation making a real difference, changing lives and creating communities, visit our website [www.joblinkplus.com.au](http://www.joblinkplus.com.au) to view a position description and apply online. As part of your application please include a cover letter which provides a clear explanation of why you are applying for the role, along with a current resume, noting at least two business references.

Vacancy Reference Number V692

Visit our website [www.joblinkplus.com.au](http://www.joblinkplus.com.au) to view a position description and apply online.

Joblink Plus is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island candidates are encouraged to apply.  
Further enquiries to our HR department on [www.joblinkplus.com.au](http://www.joblinkplus.com.au)

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Transport for NSW

# Teaching a learner driver?



Get information and practical advice at free workshops near you:

Charlestown Library  
24 November 2022  
6-8pm

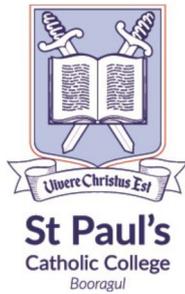
Newcastle City Library  
1 December 2022  
6-8pm

Refreshments provided & a FREE gift for each attendee

**[Click here to register for a workshop](#)**



Presented in partnership with the NSW Government.



Just a reminder enrolments for Year 7 2023 are open.

Please submit applications as soon as possible.



## Verdun Hiles

88-92 The Boulevard, Toronto

PH: 02 4959 1258

Now in stock for St Paul's students:

- Jackets
- Jumpers
- Cardigans



All Australian Made



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/> (Please take the figure to the next five cents)

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

**Also, if you have not completed 2022 School Fee Information Form, please follow the link to the Website above to download, complete and return to college office.**

## School Fee

1. BPay through your own home banking via the Internet
2. Eftpos **Minimum payment \$10**
3. Cheque
4. Cash

## Excursion Payments

1. Qkr

## 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:** Payments can be made at Reception between 8.30am and 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 and Friday Sport



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:

### Step 1 Download Qkr!

On your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



### Step 2 Register

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

### Step 3 Find our school

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)



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Web Site: <http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/>

### Switch/Reception

Hours: 8.15am until 3.30pm

### Finance Office

Hours: 8.30am to 2.30pm  
Email: [finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au](mailto:finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au)

### Canteen

Telephone: 4946 3115

