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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.”

On Sunday 27 November the Church commences the season of Advent. Advent commences four weeks prior to Christmas, and it is the time where Christians prepare for the birth of Jesus.

Lord,

Fill our hearts with joy as we
await the birth of your son, Jesus,
at Christmas time.

Help us always be ready to
show kindness to others. Amen.

St Paul

Pray for us

Remembrance Day

Last Friday Student Leaders, Ben Middleton, Ellarna Gayler and Regan Loveday attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Speers Point Cenotaph. The leaders laid a wreath in honour of those servicemen and women who served for our country.

Students at school also observed a minute's silence to recognise Remembrance Day.



Graduation Ball

It was wonderful to gather with the Year 12 students, their families, and staff to celebrate the end of their formal schooling last Friday night at their Graduation Ball. The students are to be affirmed for the way they conducted themselves on the evening. Several significant awards were present on the evening. The awards presented and their recipients were:

- Leadership Awards: **Ella Rushton, Caleb Baker, Abbey O'Reilly, and Mia Robertson**
- Community Award: The *Community Award* is presented to a Year 12 student for their service to the School community - **Marc Fletcher**
- Sr Jacinta Award: The *Sister Jacinta Award* is presented to a Year 12 student who has made a significant academic improvement throughout their senior years at St Paul's - **Makenzie Brown**
- Zim ward: This award is given for commitment to study, tenacity in all scholastic endeavours and achievement – **Paige Wheeler**
- Bishops Award: The student should demonstrate fellowship and a genuine care and compassion for others in their day-to-day relationships with all in the community – **Isaac Allen**
- Principal's Award: The Principal's Award is presented to a Year 12 student for their outstanding contribution to St Paul's – **Abbey O'Reilly**

Thanks to Mrs Pryor, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Lucas, Mrs Easterbrook and Mrs Reaney for all their effort to make the night a success. Thanks also to the parents and carers for supporting the students throughout their lives, especially over the past 12 months.



Term 4 Parent and Carer Gathering

Towards the end of Term 3 an online Parent and Carer gathering was held. Feedback from those in attendance indicated they would appreciate a further meeting in Term 4. Some people indicated they would prefer to attend the meeting in person.

The Term 4 Meeting will take place on Tuesday 29 November, 2022 at 6.00pm. Parents and Carers are invited to attend either online or in person.

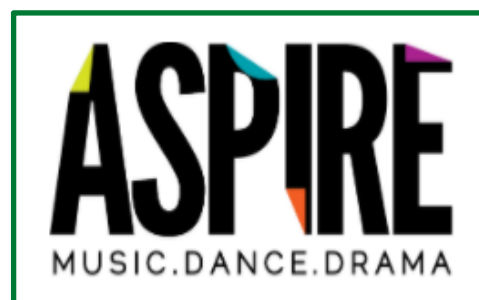
The Agenda for the Meeting will be:

- Update on St Paul's Mobile Phone Policy
- Discussion about the College's current Uniform requirements
- Update on St Paul's next Strategic Plan.
- General Business

To assist with organisation of the gathering could you please register your details at the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/xLa2wsMi6u>

On the Monday prior to the gathering a Zoom link will be forwarded to those parents and carers who have indicated that they will be join the gathering online.



2023 ASPIRE

The school was recently advised the following students had been selected from the ASPIRE auditions to participate in the 2023 ASPIRE production

Vocal Ensemble Kirrily Boslem Gabrielle Brady Isabella Rankine Lewis Ord Olive Booth	Drama Ensemble Beau Jenkinson Elina McElhone Scarlett Levy Molly Sibbald Sophie Fuller Ashlyn Beckwith
Stage Band Molly Herbet - Piano Bridget Voigt - Cello	Dance Ensemble Zoe Doyle Jamie Pockran Cleo Doyle Imogen Cowen Sienna McKibbin

Farewells to Director and Assistant Director

In the past two weeks, staff have gathered for Morning Tea to farewell Mr Gerard Mowbray, Director of Catholic Schools, and Mr Paul Greaves Assistant Director of Catholic Schools.

Earlier this year staff throughout the Diocese were advised that Mr Mowbray would be retiring at the end of 2022 with over 40 years of service to Catholic Education in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. Mr Mowbray has been the Director of Catholic Schools since 2018. He would be well known to many past and current members of the St Paul's community as he was Principal of the College from 1995 to 2005. During his appointment, Mr Mowbray led the expansion of the school to include the provision of the Stage 6 curriculum.



Mr Greaves has been St Paul's Assistant Director for the past five years playing the crucial role of acting as the conduit between the school and the Catholic Schools Office. It was recently announced Mr Greaves has been appointed as Director of Catholic Education for the Northern Territory, commencing in January 2023.

As a community, we offer our gratitude to both Mr Mowbray and Mr Greaves for their commitment and support of the St Paul's community throughout the years and wish them all the best for the future.

COVID and Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) Kits

As the current wave of COVID spreads throughout broader society it is timely to remind all members of our community of the following core principles to look after everyone as best as possible over the coming weeks:

- Students are to remain at home if they are unwell or have COVID like symptoms. Students who are unwell or have symptoms are strongly encouraged to be tested.
- Practice good hygiene.
- Minimise gathering in large groups where possible.
- Consider wearing a mask when indoors or when unable to socially distance.

For those students who are at home, an outline of the classwork for most lessons is being uploaded to Compass.

St Paul's currently has some RAT kits which were supplied to the school last term. The RAT kits are being provided to families on a needs basis. RAT kits will be distributed from the Main Office at the school. Families can come to the Main Office to collect their RAT kit or if families wish for the RAT kit to go home with their child an email can be sent to admin@booragul.catholic.edu.au with instructions on who will take the RAT kits home.

Mr Nicholas Wickham
Principal



St Paul's and the Leader of Wellbeing and Engagement team for 2023 will welcome Mr Joel Connell from ASC Maitland. We will also welcome back to the College Ms Kerrie-Lee Guest and to the team Mrs Tracey Evans. Mr Luke Baker, Mrs Blair Brownlee/Mrs Jessica Dufty and Mrs Cayte Pryor/Mrs Deborah Thompson will also continue in their roles as LOWEs in 2023. The following year groups will be cared for and supported by the following LOWEs.

Year 7	Mrs Cayte Pryor/Mrs Deborah Thompson
Year 8	Ms Kerrie-Lee Guest
Year 9	Mrs Tracey Evans
Year 10	Mr Joel Connell
Year 11	Mr Luke Baker
Year 12	Mrs Blair Brownlee/Mrs Jessica Dufty

Lions Club Youth of The Year Success!

On Tuesday evening Rosemary Hale from Year 11 was announced as the quest winner for the Lions Club Youth of Year for the Toronto branch. The judging categories for this quest considered student involvement in initiatives at school, involvement outside of school, academic achievement, general knowledge, presentation at interview and public speaking. In the public speaking section Rosemary delivered a prepared five-minute speech on the "Pursuit of Happiness" and two impromptu speeches answering the following questions. One, 'If you had a chance to spend a day with someone you admire who would it be and why?' Rosemary spoke eloquently about her grandmother and the importance of her grandmother in her life. She recognised that a 'grandparents love for their child is eternal.' The second impromptu was, "If Australian school leavers had to complete a year of National Service what types of service could this include?" Rosemary's passion for preserving the environment was the central focus of her response for this question. From here, Rosemary will move into the zone final which will be held in February of 2023. Congratulations Rosemary!



Mrs Anne-Maree Shipman
Assistant Principal - Wellbeing & Engagement



Preparing Students For The Future

Last week I was given the opportunity to meet with a group of educators from Sweden who were exploring current trends in education in Australia. It was a meeting filled with ideas and aspirations for education with a common and clear focus on how schools can create conditions which enable young people to thrive and extend themselves beyond what they thought was possible. During the meeting, University of Newcastle Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor John Fischetti spoke to us about the changing nature of the work ready, or future focused skills our students need as they transition from school to the work force or further study. While students study subjects such as sciences, mathematics, English, languages and so on as part of the compulsory curriculum in NSW, it is the implicit skills they develop which extend them beyond the compulsory curriculum. To illustrate the point, Professor Fischetti showed us a list of skills recently included on an ANZ job advertisement. While this entry-level job posting recognised candidates may not have formal post-school qualifications, the listing asked for potential candidates to:

- Be creative, people focused with a passion for solving problems;
- Be agile and adaptive in learning new skills;
- Have an excellent understanding of how to get things done and meet workflow timeframes and deadlines;
- A willingness to challenge the status quo and to be energized by finding new solutions and making improvements;
- Have the ability to challenge yourself;
- Have the ability to galvanise a diverse group of people around a common mission;
- Demonstrate the ability to use evidence-based decision making.



These are the skills workplaces are asking our young people to have as they leave school, and they are skills and capabilities found within the education we provide to our students at St Paul's. When we move students to learn in different groups or classrooms, we are cultivating students' ability to be agile and adaptive to new experiences. Asking students to meet assessment and homework deadlines means our students are developing the sense of workflow timeframes.

Challenging students to 'bounce-back', reflect on feedback and develop an understanding of their next steps in learning challenges the status quo, make improvements and challenge themselves. This is the 'hidden' curriculum which leads our young people to achieve beyond what they can imagine.

HSC 2023: Starting Well



On Monday 21 November we will be holding an online information session for Year 11 students and parents and carers. As Year 11 students progress into their final year of secondary schooling we would like to meet with online to provide information which will support students and parents and carers through this pivotal and exciting time. This is the first of a series of information sessions which we will host throughout the coming year. The second session will be held face-to-face at the end of Term 1. We hope a combination of online and in-person sessions provides families with some flexibility in partnering with us as we work together to ensure our young people are provided with the highest level of support in this journey. A Zoom link has been sent to families via email.

Information which will be covered in this online session includes an outline of patterns of study for the HSC, requirements for the completion of the HSC, advice regarding study, homework and looking after your child's well-being and finally, an outline of the support we provide at the College to ensure our students are able to achieve an HSC result that is indicative of their potential. We would also like to answer any question you or your child might have about your child's final year of secondary schooling which you can provide by answering the questions at the MS Forms link in the invitation email.

Year 11: A Reminder About Responsibilities For Completion Of Assessment

Assessment is an important aspect of Stage 6 studies as this is how teachers make determinations on what students know and can do in relation to the standards set by NESA. For the HSC we are also required to submit students' marks to NESA which show students' achievement relative to their peers. In that respect we are required by NESA to ensure assessment procedures are fair and equitable for all students. Assessment due dates are communicated through the HSC 2023 Academic Guide (published on the College website) and through the Compass calendar. We expect students to be present for their assessments and, if a student can not complete an assessment, they are to access the AIM Form which is also on the College website. It is worth noting that holidays during school terms are not an acceptable reason to apply for an extension or appeal for a missed task. Further clarification of this policy rule will be covered during the information session on Monday evening.

Year 10 Transition To Stage 6

On Tuesday 22 November, Year 10 students will take part in a Stage 6 preparation day. The first session will be delivered by Mrs Beezley which will focus on information about academic integrity which is a requirement of NESA before students can be placed in their Stage 6 courses. Following this session, Mr Baker and I will take students through a workshop which covers how we learn, time management, crafting successful habits, goal setting and establishing healthy habits. This session will be relevant to all students regardless of their pathway next year. After a BBQ lunch, Mr Baker has organised a team building activity to finish the day. I extend gratitude and thanks to Mrs Beezley and Mr Baker for their time in preparing for this day.

During week 8, Mr Baker and I will also begin interviewing Year 10 students and providing them with confirmation of their pattern of study for Year 11 and the Senior Student Enrolment Agreement. This will provide students and parents/carers with the opportunity to check their child's pattern of study for Year 11 and to confirm our expectations for senior students at the College.

If parents/carers would like to meet with Mr Baker, myself or Mr Wickham regarding their child's enrolment for 2023, please contact the College Administration Team to arrange a meeting.

Mrs Amber Carter
Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning



Year 12 Graduation Ball



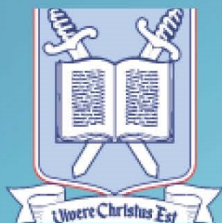
Year 11 Reflection Day

Year 11 recently took some time out for a Reflection Day. We played team building games, prayed together, and visited the Museum of Art and Culture (MAC) yapang. Students engaged with some incredible art, and then created art of their own. It was a wonderful team-building and spirituality event. Thank you to the staff and students for their participation. MAC yapang is worth a visit if you need some time for reflection and inspiration.



Mr Michael Doyle
Ministry Coordinator





St Paul's Catholic College *Booragul*

CREATIVE ARTS SEMESTER 2 SHOWCASE

WHEN: THURSDAY 1ST
DECEMBER, 2022

WHERE: SCHOOL HALL

WHAT: 5PM FINGERFOOD
AND ART EXHIBITION
WITH PERFORMANCES
BEGINNING AT 5-30PM
ALL WELCOME



Vinnies Christmas Hampers



The Vinnies Christmas Appeal is all about bringing joy and festivity to families and individuals in need of some extra support. For most of us, Christmas is a time of celebration with family and friends; the joy of exchanging gifts, making precious memories together and enjoying delicious Christmas treats to eat. However, for 2.2 million Australians, including families and 750,000 children living below the poverty line, Christmas can be a time when meeting their most basic needs, like putting food on the table or a place to call home, is a real struggle. Before the school year winds up, we are again inviting you to join us in making this Christmas one filled with joy and happiness

for families in our local area. Students are invited to donate goods which will be made into hampers for local families.

A list of items has been provided to each Care Group. Please check with your Care Group teacher to see which item you have been allocated. To uphold the dignity of those receiving the hamper, we ask that all food items are not due to expire for at least six months.



Photos from www.vinnies.org.au and <https://vinniesyouthqld.org.au/>

Ms Fran Heard
Vinnies Coordinator





Just a reminder enrolments for Year 7 2023 are open.

Please submit applications as soon as possible.



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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

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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

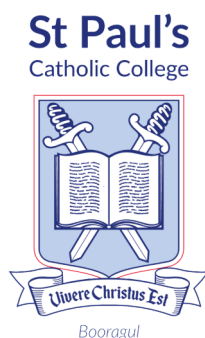
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