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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 prayer is for the communities in Turkey and Syria affected by the devastating earthquakes in recent weeks. The prayer comes from the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development.

*God of mercy,
We pray for the people of Turkey and Syria
following the recent earthquakes.
We mourn the death and destruction.
and pray for those who have died and those who grieve.*

Lord, bring them comfort, strength, and renewed hope.

*We hold in our hearts those who are injured,
and those who have lost loved ones, livelihoods, and homes.*

Lord, bring them comfort, strength, and renewed hope.

*Sustain and guide all responding to this disaster.
Grant those affected courage and resilience,
as they rebuild their lives and communities.*

Lord, bring them comfort, strength, and renewed hope.

*Inspire us to unite in solidarity,
acting swiftly and generously,
so that help may reach all who need it.*

Lord, bring them comfort, strength, and renewed hope.

Amen

St Paul

Pray for the people of Turkey and Syria

St Paul

Pray for us

Swimming Carnival

On Monday, 6 February students and staff gathered for the annual St Paul's Swimming Carnival at Lambton Pool. It was wonderful to see the students enthusiastically competing in the races and novelty events. Swimming and Athletic Carnivals are wonderful ways to build school spirit and the 2023 carnival was another example of the community aspect of St Paul's.

Congratulations and best wishes to those students who progressed to the Diocesan Carnival in the coming weeks.

Thanks to the students for their cooperation on the day, to Mrs de Winter and Mrs Heard for their organisation of the carnival and to the teachers who ensure the carnival ran smoothly.



Emmaus Award

On Tuesday, 7 February, teachers from across the diocese gathered for the annual Call to Serve Mass. A part of this celebration is the presentation of the Emmaus Awards. This year Nicole Burns, a highly valued member of the St Paul' staff was acknowledged for her dedication and commitment to her students when she was awarded a Diocesan Emmaus Award for Excellence in Teaching. Apart from providing authentic learning experiences for her students to ensure they achieve to their potential, Nicole has been an advocate and mentor to the students who have led the Period Positivity Project. Nicole epitomises the staff at St Paul's, who continue to provide the best learning environment for their students to flourish.

As a community we offer our congratulations to Nicole for this significant achievement.



HSC RoSA Award Ceremony

On Wednesday, 8 February, the St Paul's community gathered for the 2022 Diocesan HSC and RoSA Awards. Ms Lisa Tierney from the Diocesan Office and Mr Steve Todd from the Catholic Schools Office were in attendance to present these awards. It was wonderful to affirm the students for their academic success in 2022.

The following students were affirmed for their HSC Examination achievements:

Diocesan First in Course	Biology	Merin Charly & Ella-Jane Donnelly
Diocesan First in Course	Studies of Religion II	Alexandra Holliday
Diocesan First in Course	Ancient History	Daniel MacKinnon
Diocesan First in Course	VET Electrotechnology Examination	Bradley Post (Third in the State)
Diocesan Academic Award	Outstanding Academic Achievement	Alexandra Holliday

The following students ATAR score was acknowledged:

Alexandra Holliday	97.95
Merin Charly	96.65
Bradley Post	93.95
Ella Rushton	93.75
Paige Wheeler	91.85
Mark Roberts	91.75
William Hall	90

The students below received Academic Achievement awards for their efforts in the Year 10 RoSA:

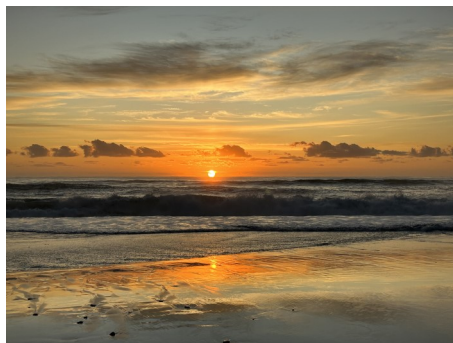
- Charli Arnold
- Danah Chapman
- Trinity Gilbert
- Alisha Ingrey
- Adrian Mace
- Grady Platt
- Paige Stalling
- Lara Wrightson



Year 12 Retreat

On Wednesday morning, the Year 12 students departed for their Year 12 Retreat. This is one of the highlights of Year 12. Students engaged in activities as a year group, small group and they also took time for personal reflection. On Thursday evening, Fr Greg Barker and Fr Priyantha Fernando celebrated mass with the students.

Thank you to Miss Pola-Kuras and Mr Doyle for developing the program and to Mr Doyle for facilitating the Retreat. I also wish to acknowledge the teachers who attended over the past three days. Thanks also to our parents and carers, for your support of your children in enabling them to participate in this special experience in Year 12.



Start of 2023 School Year and Personal Technology Device Policy

The start of the school year has been positive, and it is pleasing to see the students engaged with their learning and working with their teachers during their lessons.

Likewise, the students have adapted to the new requirements associated with the Personal Technology Device Policy in a responsible and mature way. This response has had a positive impact on the learning environment for both the students and their teachers.

Thanks to the students for the positive way, they have commenced the 2023 school year and to the parents and carers for their support.

Weekly Masses

Last year students started attending the local Parish Mass at St Michael the Archangel Church, Booragul at 9.00am on a Tuesday. This will continue in 2023 and we are thankful to the local priests and parishioners for so openly welcoming the students to the Eucharistic celebration. Students being able to participate in mass is further supporting and enabling them to engage in the spiritual life of the Church and the school.

Two or three classes attend mass each week, depending on the timetable and it is hoped all students will be able to attend once throughout the year.

Term 1 Parent and Carer Gathering

Last year, two Parent and Carer Gatherings were held online. The feedback from both of these gatherings was that the school would schedule these meetings once each term. ***The first meeting for 2023 will be held on Tuesday 14 March, 2023 commencing at 6.00pm.*** Parents and Carers are asked to register at the link below (some people indicated they would prefer to attend the meeting in person, if this is the case then I ask that those people indicate this option via the link below).

The Agenda for the Meeting will be:

Feedback on St Paul's Personal Technology Device Implementation.

St Paul's Open Day and Information Evening Information.

2022 HSC Report.

St Paul's 2023 School Improvement Plan details.

General Business.

Link to register for the Parent and Carer Gathering:

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

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.

Men Alive

Members of the Toronto Parish are holding a menALIVE weekend on 25 and 26 March, 2023. The menALIVE weekend is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic, and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. The weekend is organised by men in your local community and conducted by an experienced team of menALIVE leaders. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age. Further information can be found, on the flyer included with the Newsletter.

Mr Nicholas Wickham

Principal



Swimming Carnival



HSC / RoSA Award Ceremony



Year 12 Retreat



Hello! Welcome back. I trust that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I hope it was relaxing and you got to do what ever it was you wanted to do.

Welcome to our new students and families. It is exciting to have you as part of our St Paul's Catholic College Community.

For those that do not know me, I am Mel Dobosz the Pastoral Care Worker here at St Paul's Catholic College. I am here Wednesday and Thursday. A little bit about my role as Pastoral Care Worker- This is a Welfare/Wellbeing position. I am here to help facilitate the emotional, social, and spiritual wellbeing of students, staff, and the college community. This can be done through offering support one on one to students, group work, programs, support to families, assistance or just a chat.

Pastoral care is defined in the agreement with the Commonwealth as *"the practice of looking after the personal needs of students, not just their academic needs, through the provision of general, spiritual and personal advice."*

I am here to offer support to all students, their families, staff, and the wider College Community.

Please feel free to contact me via email at melissa.dobosz@mn.catholic.edu.au, via phone on 4958-6711 or please have a chat with your child's Leader of Wellbeing and Engagement (LOWE) and they can get you in contact with me.

I am here to help and support your child and your family wherever possible.



Wishing you a happy and healthy week

Mrs Mel Dobosz
Pastoral Care Worker



ENCOUNTERING THE MYSTERY OF GOD

INTRODUCTION TO THE MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE
DIOCESAN NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM

PEDAGOGY OF ENCOUNTER

The Pedagogy of Encounter is about encountering the mystery of God through the mystery of everyday life.

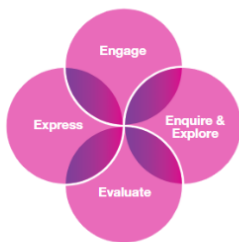
Students are invited to depth their own views on matters being studied and to engage with the perspectives of others and of the Catholic Church.



YEAR 10 RE INFOGRAPHIC:

A special infographic has been put together to inform parents about the changes to RE.

STAGE 2-5 INQUIRY MODEL



Engage

An invitation and challenge to a richer understanding of one's own and others' worldview.

Enquire & Explore

A deepening of understanding of the content area through critical inquiry.

Express

A personal response in relation to the area of content.

Evaluate

Reflective responses to their learning.

STAGE FIVE YEAR 10 THEME

GOD AND THE HUMAN SEARCH FOR MEANING

To deepen our relationship with God in making meaning of the world we live in.

MODULES

GOD AND THE SEARCH FOR MEANING	FINDING GOD IN HUMAN EXPERIENCE
The search for meaning leads to God and his plan for us?	The mystery of suffering and evil as part of the human experience
GROWING IN LOVING RELATIONSHIPS	THE SPIRITUAL LIFE
The relationship between sex, sexuality, dignity and human flourishing	Prayer and incarnational spirituality enhance human flourishing.

Is your child in year 7 or year 10?



Provide your consent for routine school vaccinations online.

At the beginning of the school year, your child's school will share the link to complete the online consent form.

Benefits of providing online consent:

- easily update your child's details
- get SMS notifications when vaccinations are given
- faster upload of vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)

To provide online consent, you will need:

- the link provided by the school
- your Service NSW log-in details
- medicare details for you and your child

Scan the QR code to give your consent now.



For more information on vaccination visit:
health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination



SONG COMPETITION

ASPIRE 2023 PIRATES, POWER AND ADVENTURE.

The Song Competition will be broken into 3 categories- Primary School (K-6), Year 7, 8 and 9, and Year 10, 11 and 12. Using the story for the production, the themes below will be the song writing focus for these allocated year groups.

PRIMARY SCHOOL (K-6): PIRATE LIFE

A day in the life of a pirate tells the story of a famous pirate
What kind of things do pirates get up to?

YEARS 7, 8 AND 9: OPPRESSION

Oppression is when there is injustice and discrimination, usually against a specific group of people. It is the malicious use of power where people are prevented from having the same opportunities, freedom, and benefits as others are treated unfairly.

Song themes may include:
Injustice, Discrimination, Unfair use of power

YEARS 10, 11 AND 12: ADVENTURE

An adventure is an exciting experience that is bold, remarkable, and sometimes risky.

Your song may be about:
A narrative of an adventure story
Exploration, travel and adventure
Themes of excitement, hope, courage, or risk

FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2023

ASPIRE Song Competition Closing Date

MONDAY 3 APRIL

ASPIRE Song Competition Shortlisting

TUESDAY 2 MAY

Group 1: Song Competition Workshop Day

WEDNESDAY 3 MAY

Group 2: Song Competition Workshop Day

THURSDAY 4 MAY

Group 3: Song Competition Workshop Day

EVENING: THURSDAY 11 MAY

ASPIRE Song Competition Showcase

HOW TO ENTER

1. Video or record yourself singing or playing your song.
File formats: MP3, MP4 or MOV
2. A copy of your lyrics File format: Word document (NOT PDF or a photo)
3. If you can, include the chords or notation.
This is not compulsory.
4. Your song must be **no longer than 3 minutes 30 seconds.**
5. You will be able to upload via the Aspire website from **Week 10, Term 4 2022.**

Shortlisted finalists will have the opportunity to workshop their song with professional musicians and ASPIRE Musical Director Jessica Lopez. The winner for each category will be decided at a live concert with a guest panel to judge the songs. There will be 3 winners, one for each category (Primary K-6, Years 7-9, and Years 10-12). Prizes are a \$300 Musos Corner voucher and the opportunity to have your song professionally recorded at Tommirock Studios.

For more details go to aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au

When was the last time you felt **really alive?**



God is glorified when men are fully alive
St Irenaeus

MEN'S WEEKEND

The **menALIVE Men's Weekend** is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. The weekend is organised by men in your local community and conducted by an experienced team of menALIVE leaders. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age.

25 - 26 March 2023

St Joseph's Community Centre
140 Wangi Road Toronto



Scan me for details!

For more information, contact:

Phil McWilliam 0408 880 408
Col Gwynne 0409 047 644
menalivetoronto@gmail.com

Cost is \$50 per person
Lunch and dinner on Saturday is included.

This is NOT a live-in weekend - you will return to your home or other lodgings on Saturday evening.

menALIVE
men's weekend

The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God, and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church.

www.menalive.org.au

Alesco Senior College

Year 13

A LIFE CHANGING 'GAP YEAR' WITH A DIFFERENCE



ALESKO'S YEAR 13 PROGRAM CAN HELP YOUNG PEOPLE:

- Get qualified
- Get skilled up
- Get your HSC
- Get focused
- Get involved in the community
- Get ready for life after school

The program includes the 'Trip of a Lifetime'

FLEXIBLE STUDY OPTIONS IN A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE PLACE

Our targeted educational or employment pathways can be tailored to suit the needs of any potential school leaver.

For young people looking to transition into the workforce, further study or just wanting to get skilled up and explore their options, Year 13 can be that life-changing gap year with a difference.

Many young people leave school with no 'exit plan'. This program aims to help students develop a solid plan for life after school and get real-world skills to help them find future success.

Contact the Alesco Team to apply for the 2023 program.

"I was so scared about what kind of job to aim for, I literally had no idea. Now I've done Year 13 I know I want to be a paramedic."

"I had a terrible time getting through my last year of school, Year 13 gave me the drive to go and get an apprenticeship."

"I spent a whole gap year gaming in my bedroom, coming back for Year 13 and doing Music Industry gave me more direction."





Lake Mac Come and Try Girls Tennis

LAKE MACQUARIE TENNIS CENTRE
40 ADA STREET, CARDIFF

For girls aged 5 to 15yrs of all standards
Friday 10th of March
5pm - 6:30pm
Cost: FREE!

SPONSORED BY
LAKE MACQUARIE CITY

Limited places
Scan to register!



WANDERERS RFC JUNIORS

WE WANT YOU!



OUR JUNIOR RUGBY TEAMS ARE ON THE HUNT FOR NEW PLAYERS!

HOME GROUND NO 5 SPORTSGROUND NATIONAL PARK
2023 REGISTRATION COST:
U6S - U7S \$120 | U8 - U16 ARE \$220 | U18S \$240

INCLUDES: TRAINING SHIRT, PLAYING SHORTS, GAME DAY SOCKS, CAP, 1/2 ZIP PULLOVER

TRAINING COMMENCES 27TH FEBRUARY 2023

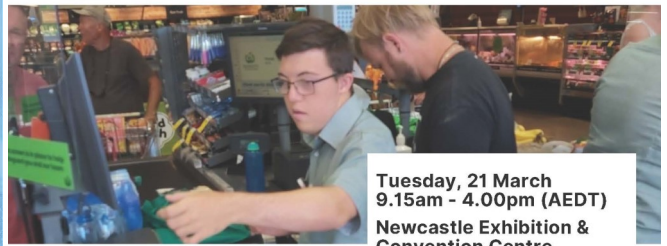
TO REGISTER: RUGBY XPLORER,
ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED



School To Work
for Secondary Students
with Disability



School to Work Workshop



Tuesday, 21 March
9.15am - 4.00pm (AEDT)
Newcastle Exhibition & Convention Centre



Join us for an interactive and participatory all-day workshop where you'll meet other families

- Uncover student strengths and interests to use as a guide for potential work roles
- Identify community connections and contacts to approach for work
- Practical strategies and tips on working with other professionals or services
- Explore what good employment support looks like and find the right people to support the student



Date, time and location

- Tue, 21 March, 9.15am - 4.00pm (AEDT)
- P309 King Street Newcastle West, Newcastle Exhibition & Convention Centre

What people are saying

Getting together with others was great. It helped me collect ideas quicker and broaden my thinking. - Parent

I found the workshop engaging, useful and very interesting. The information, resources and understanding will definitely help me do a better job with students. - Educator



What is School To Work?

School to Work aims to inspire and equip students with disability, through the support of families, to seek meaningful, paid employment in the community.



Who is this workshop for?

Parents, family members, educators and allies of students with disability at secondary school.



Bookings essential

www.ric.org.au/events/
\$35 for students and families*
\$50 for professionals

*If cost is a barrier contact us to discuss options.

Questions? Call us 1800 774 764 or email info@ric.org.au

We're looking for boys & girls of all ages to play soccer in 2023.

REGO CLOSES SOON!



southernlakesunitedfc.org.au

For all Finance enquiries please use the following email address: finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au

To calculate your Weekly, Fortnightly or Monthly payment amount, please go to our Website and use the calculator. <http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/about-us/finance/fee-calculator/> (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.

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 the way to pay fees, 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



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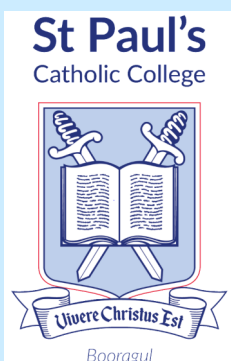
Hours: 8.15am until 3.30pm

Finance Office

Hours: 8.30am to 2.30pm
Email: finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au

Canteen

Telephone: 4946 3115



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

23rd Feb: Parents in the Classroom Yr 7

24th Feb: Opening School Mass

1st March: Year 7 Building Community Camp