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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."*

Yesterday, we celebrated Mother's Day. We offer our gratitude for all mothers and for mother figures in our life. We offer the following prayer for all mothers:

*Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing on  
each mother today.*

*Fill their hearts with laughter and joy.  
Surround them with love from family and friends.  
Grant them health, peace, and fulfillment as they  
pursue their calling.*

*Let them know their value and worth in  
your eyes and ours.*

*We ask this prayer in your name.*

*Amen*

St Paul

Pray for Us



## St Paul's 40th Anniversary Celebrations

**On Thursday, 23 May, 2024 the St Paul's community will celebrate the College's 40th Anniversary. As part of the celebrations, we will welcome our Year 7 Parents / Carers to the school to attend CARE Group, Period 1 and Period 2.**

Include in the celebrations will be an outline of the day is as follows:

	Activity	Additional Details
CARE Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal CARE Group for all students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 7 will have CARE Group in the Hall as they will welcome their parents / carers to St Paul's to attend Lessons for Periods 1 and 2.</li> </ul>
Period 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal Period 1 for all students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 7 Parents / Carers attending lessons</li> </ul>
Period 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal Period 2 for all students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 7 Parents / Carers attending lessons</li> </ul>
Recess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal Recess for all students</li> </ul>	
11.30am – 12.45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liturg for 40<sup>th</sup> Celebrations</li> <li>Assembly to Announce Year 12 Recipient of the Sunshine Award</li> </ul>	
12.45pm – 1.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students return to CARE Group</li> </ul>	
1.00pm – 2.40pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students spend time with peers in an extended lunch break which will include community building activities (eg musical performances and sporting activities)</li> <li>Students will receive a sausage sandwich, can of drink and ice cream.</li> </ul>	
2.40pm – 3.05pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students return to CARE Group</li> </ul>	

## ANZAC Day

St Paul's was represented at both the Teralba and Toronto ANZAC Day ceremonies by our Year 12 Student Leaders and other students and staff from the community. Kirrily Boslem delivered the Prayer of Thanksgiving at the Teralba ceremony. Thanks to the students and their families for attending the services and also to the staff who were present.

The St Paul's community gathered on Wednesday of the first week to pay our respect to our service women and men as well as honouring the sacrifices they made for our freedom.

We will remember them,

Lest we Forget.



## Year 12 Awards Ceremony and Student Conferences

Last Tuesday, Year 12 students were affirmed for their efforts throughout the first semester of the HSC year at the Year 12 Semester One Awards Ceremony. It was pleasing to witness the students be acknowledged for their dedication to their studies and to their community.

The Effort = Reward mindset was explored for the students with examples of how the rewards will follow after the necessary effort has been applied. This effort involves having a well-developed plan in place for the remaining two terms in the lead up to the HSC examinations which allows them to include time for homework, assessments, preparing study notes, work, relaxation, and socialising.

After the Awards Ceremony, Student Conferences took place in the Damascus Centre. These discussions provided important feedback on each student's progress and allowed for plans to be put in place for the remainder of Year 12.

Thanks to the parents and carers who attended the Awards Ceremony and Conferences to support their children. Thanks also to the staff who organised the Awards Ceremony and Conferences and to those who contributed to both events.



## Year 7 Camp

Recently Year 7 spent three days at the Y Camp Yarramundi site near Richmond, The students were enjoying the opportunity to undertake a range of challenge activities. It was pleasing to see the students mixing with each other and encouraging their peers during the activities. Thanks to Miss Walker for her attendance and organisation of the camp. We also extend our appreciation to the staff who attended.



## Student Support and Wellbeing Framework

During CARE Group on Wednesday, the Student Support and Wellbeing Framework continued to be implemented. To further support the first Focus Area of What am I Capable? students in Years 7 – 11 were asked to nominate two academic goals for Term 2. They were also asked to identify strategies and people who would assist them achieve their goals. Their LoWE and CARE Group teachers will continue to work with the students throughout this term.



## 2025 Enrolments

After the College's recent successful Open Afternoon and 2025 Information Evening the College is accepting enrolments for 2025 for all year groups. These events would not have been possible without the efforts of the staff and the students who assisted. We offer a deep sense of gratitude to those staff and students who helped with these occasions.

Enrolment Forms and enrolment information have been provided to the six feeder primary schools. Families from other schools which feed into St Paul's are asked to contact the Main Office for information about the enrolment process.

## 2024 Enrolment Vacancies

There are currently some places available in some year groups for 2024. If any current St Paul's families are aware of any other families who are considering enrolling their students at the College, please encourage them to contact the school to discuss possibilities.

## Staff Changes for the Term 2

- Mr Foster advised me over the holiday period he was resigning from his position at the College. We thank Mr Foster for his contribution to our community over the past 12 months and wish him all the best for the future.
- Mr Damien Harton will be replacing Mr Foster for Term 2. Mr Harton commenced on Monday and we welcome him to the St Paul's community.

Mr Nicholas Wickham  
Principal



# *Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning*

Welcome to Term 2, 2024. It is exciting to begin another term and look forward to the many opportunities that will occur for our students in the term ahead. I have outlined some key upcoming events.

## **Year 11 2025**

Term 2 will begin the process for support students with their subject choices and study pathways for Stage 6 (Years 11 & 12). Please see below dates of the **Year 11 2025 Course Selection** program.

**Subject Information Evening**  
**Tuesday 28 May Week 5 Term 2**  
**Time: 5.20pm**  
**Venue: St Paul's Catholic College Hall**

The evening will begin with a presentation in the Hall and cover: Meeting HSC Eligibility Requirements, Types of HSC Courses, Choosing HSC Subjects, Understanding HSC Pathways (including ATAR, Vocational Education and Non-ATAR), Disability Provisions.

Following this presentation will be the opportunity to attend information sessions led by teachers of HSC subjects. The information sessions will cover: Subject content, Assessment and information relevant to the subject such as Work Placement hours. There will be an opportunity for individual questions.

Prior to the evening students will be given a Senior Curriculum Information Handbook that provides detailed information on completing the Higher School Certificate and subjects offered at St Paul's Catholic College.

**Taster Lessons**  
**Thursday 6 June & Friday 7 June Week 6 Term 2**

Students attend taster lessons of courses they are interested in learning more about. The lessons allow for questions, address important information and provide some learning experiences that are reflective of the course content.

**Submission of Subject Preferences**  
**Friday 7 June 2024 Week 6 Term 2- Subject Selections Open**

Year 10 students are emailed with a link to the course selection website called WebChoice. Submission of Subject Preferences closes: Friday 14 June 2024 Week 7

**Year 11 2025 Interviews**  
**Week 8 Term 2**

Every student and their parent / carers attend an interview at the college, focused on looking at the suitability of students course choices and eligibility for their intended pathway.

## **HSC Minimum Standards Tests**

A key component of current NSW Education Agenda is the commitment to requiring students to demonstrate a Minimum Standard of literacy and numeracy to in order to receive the HSC. HSC students will need to meet the HSC Minimum Standard in three areas – Reading, Writing and Numeracy. The standard is set at Level 3 of the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF), which means students will have the basic reading, writing and numeracy skills needed for everyday tasks and future learning after school. It includes skills for tasks such as: following safety instructions in equipment manuals, understanding a mobile phone plan, writing a job application, creating a personal weekly budget.

Yr 10 students have the opportunity to meet this HSC minimum standard this year by sitting the HSC Minimum Standard Tests. If students achieve Level 3 or above in one or more of the tests: reading, writing or numeracy they will be recognised as having met the HSC minimum standard in that area/s. If a student does not meet the standard in one or more area they will have the opportunity to sit the applicable test/s more times before completing their HSC at St Paul's.

In determining if students meet the Minimum Standards via the Online tests, they will be subject to three 45 minute Online tests:

- a multiple choice reading test
- a multiple choice numeracy test
- a short writing test based on a choice between a visual or written prompt

Students will complete their first attempt of the HSC Minimum Standards tests in Reading, Writing and Numeracy early in Term 2.

## **Year 12 Mid- Course Awards**

Congratulations to the students who have received awards at the Awards Mid-Course awards assembly on Tuesday. The awards are recognition of students' efforts, application and achievement over the past two terms, both academically and their contribution to involvement in broader community events. I encourage all students to continue to apply themselves to their studies and strive to achieve their best for the final terms of their HSC courses.

## **2024 HSC Written Exam Timetable Released**

The 2024 Higher School Certificate Written Exam Timetable has been released by NESA. Students and parents can now check the dates and times of their HSC exams.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself, your child's class teacher, LOWE or Leader of Learning, if we can support your child in any way.

It is a privilege to be working with you and your child supporting them to reach their best academically.

*Emma Tierney*  
Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning



# Year 7 Camp

Year 7 Camp occurred the first week of this term.

After a sleepy start for some, the countdown on bus told us how excited they were to break free of the routine traditional schooling and take on a new challenge in what was predicted to be a stormy few days. Luckily for us, we arrived to blue skies, welcoming smiles, and just a little trepidation.

With excitement and determination, this incredible group rose to the occasion (quite literally) and took on the giant swing, high ropes obstacle course, and abseiled their way to that level of personal growth that lies just beyond their comfort zone.

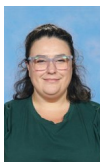
While on the ground they focussed on their target practice with archery, worked together on the team challenge that an Alpine Rescue required (think the floor is lava, but you have a plank of wood to help you get around), and the echo-y darkness of the cave maze.

To watch this team of young people brave the unknown and roll with the punches of something so different and new to so many of them was truly a wonderful thing to watch and be a part of.

They backed each other, they encouraged one another, and the bonds of community were strengthened between them – even if I did miss filming the half-court basketball shot of the century.

They came, they conquered, they found the food edible, and they left together tired and with their cups full of joyous memories and new friendships – and maybe a grey hair or two (I can't say for certain if that's the students or the incredible staff we had with us).

Year 7, you are a wonder. Keep kicking goals and bringing your best self every day!



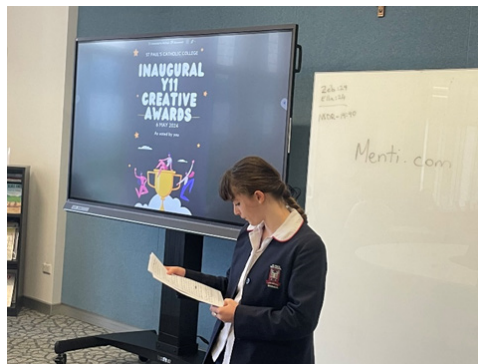
Elly Walker  
Leader of Wellbeing and Engagement - Year 7

## Year 11 Creative Writing Awards

The first unit for Year 11 Standard and Advanced is Reading to Write. This culminated in the students composing their own imaginative writing task and reflection. From this submission, Mrs Easterbrook selected the best pieces to be read aloud and voted on by their peers. Benjamin McGregor and Hugo Vaarzon-Morel earned highly commended spots, followed by finalists Lauren Kohlhagen and Gariella Warren. Coming in equal second, we commend Bryanna Stackhouse and Sophie Fuller. Big congratulations to Lucas McGill, who took out the top Standard prize.

In Advanced the top honours went to Ashley Dennis, followed by Bethany Evans and Haley Freeman. Highly commended went to Jamie Pockran, Jacob Wheeler and Cerys Smith.

This wonderful new initiative was enjoyed by all, especially by the chocolate winning authors. Well done Year 11!



Kerrie-Lee Guest  
Leader of Wellbeing and Engagement - Year 9



# Sport's Calendar

## SPORT CALENDAR EVENTS TERM 2 AND TERM 3

SPORT	Age	Date Registrations Close	Date of event	How do I register?
<b>Bill Turner Cup Football – Round 2</b>	U15s	NA	13 <sup>th</sup> May	Trials have been held
<b>U16s NSW Basketball Tournament</b>	U16s	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Boys –14 <sup>th</sup> May Girls – 15 <sup>th</sup> May	See Mrs Woolley, Mr Hendriks or Mr Yates to put your name down.
<b>Football Junior Boys Knockout</b>	Years 7-9	NA	14 <sup>th</sup> May	See Mrs Ellis
<b>U18s CCC Cup Rugby League</b>	Opens	-	15 <sup>th</sup> May	Team selections held at school
<b>13s Country Cup Rugby League</b>	U13s	-	16 <sup>th</sup> May	Put your name down on the PE noticeboard
<b>Football Junior Girls Knockout</b>	Years 7-9	NA	16 <sup>th</sup> May	See Mrs Ellis
<b>Diocesan Tennis Gala Day</b>	All ages	13 <sup>th</sup> May	21 <sup>st</sup> May	See Mrs Woolley for a nomination form
<b>CCC Rugby Trials Boys 16s Boys 18s Rugby 7s - Girls 16/18s</b>		10 <sup>th</sup> May 28 <sup>th</sup> May 15 <sup>th</sup> May	All trials will be held on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> and/or 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Apply through the CSNSW portal (online)
<b>CCC Hockey Trials Girls – 15s &amp; Opens Boys – 15s &amp; Opens</b>		10 <sup>th</sup> May	All age groups will trial on 20 <sup>th</sup> May at Kelso	Apply through the CSNSW portal (online)
<b>DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR</b>				
<b>St Paul's Athletics Carnival</b>				
<b>Diocesan Athletics Carnival - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>				
<b>Diocesan Basketball Gala Day Boys – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b>				

The Learning Difficulties Coalition (LDC) is a well-respected organisation within Australia. From time to time they have free webinars and this one is a great one for not only parents of students with additional needs but also parents of any school aged child, even adults. The webinar is free and is discussing executive functioning. Executive Functioning is a set of mental skills that we use daily, sometimes well, sometimes not so well. They include our ability to organise, plan, meet goals, follow instructions, stay focused, action self-control. This webinar would be helpful for all our students.

Learning Difficulties Coalition of NSW Inc.

## PARENT TALK EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING

How you can support your  
child/teen to get it together!



ZOOM  
WEBINAR

TUESDAY 28TH MAY

7.30PM - 8.30PM

**PRESENTER: ELIZABETH SINGHI** SPEECH PATHOLOGIST

We all want the very best for our children, and this parent talk will focus on how to support your child to get organised and reduce chaos in daily life. Topics covered include: organisational skill building, tips on how to resist impulses and stay focused, time management, planning, problem-solving, managing emotions, as well as learning about metacognition.

These are all vital executive functioning skills we can help our children to learn - for children with additional learning needs and indeed for all kids (and ourselves too!). The tips are geared toward school-aged children, but can be applied with adjustments to younger children as well.

Elizabeth will provide plenty of practical tips, and discuss ways to incorporate EF skills into your everyday family life. Plus there will be time for questions at the end.

REGISTER ONLINE

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## Clothing Pool

Located at the hall end of the Student HUB

Open : 8.30am-9.30am  
Thursdays

For all uniform/clothing pool needs outside of these hours please contact the main office.



## **2024 School Fee Information**

School fees comprise of Resource, Tuition, Diocesan Family School Building Levy (DFSBL), Camps/Retreats and Electives and are the responsibility of parents/carers of students enrolled at the school.

### **Tuition Fees Year 7-10 \$2033, Year 11-12 \$3089**

The Diocesan Tuition Fee is set each year by the Diocese.

Family discount on full rate diocesan tuition fees is available to parents who have more than one child attending a Catholic School in this Diocese.

- 1 child family - 0% - full rate
- 2 child family - 15% - each child
- 3 child family - 25% - each child
- 4 + child family - 50% - each child

Concessions on Tuition fees are also given to account holders of a current Health Care/Pension card. An application form must be completed along with providing a copy of original card.

### **Diocesan Family & School Building Levy (DFSBL) \$1638**

The DFSBL is charged to the oldest child for each family. The levy is pooled to contribute towards past, present and future costs for building projects across all existing schools, and for the development of new Catholic schools within the Diocese.

### **Resource Fees Year 7-10 \$860, Year 11-12 \$810**

The resource costs are set by each individual school. Fees are used to pay school resources, educational activities, student textbooks, various low cost excursions/incursions, photocopying, computer technology and amenities.

### **Elective Fees Year 9-12**

Students who choose to undertake specific subjects, will be required to pay additional charges per year to cover specific expenses associated with the individual subject.

### **Retreats/ Camps**

The Year 7 & 9 Camp and 10 & 12 Retreat are compulsory, and it is expected that all students attend as per conditions of enrolment in a Catholic school. Costings are calculated based on all students attending, venues and buses have to be paid when booking is first made. Your understanding of this would be very much appreciated.

## Friday Sport Payment & Consent

For your convenience, you can now consent and pay for your child's Friday sport through Compass each Term. The account holder (name on your statement) is the only one who can access Compass to make these payments, if you would like joint access to Compass so both parents can make payments please complete and return the attached joint access form.

<https://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/media/5915/compass-joint-access.pdf>

## Support

The Catholic Schools Office declares that genuine inability to meet tuition and other fees does not exclude access to a school within the system by a child of a family genuinely committed to Catholic faith and practice.

For families experiencing financial hardship or wishing to discuss other payment arrangements please contact the College Principal or Finance Office to make an appointment. These discussions and arrangements regarding fees are strictly confidential.

The collection of all school fees is to ensure the best possible learning environment for your child.

## Account Statements

All fees are billed yearly in February, and it is recommended a regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalment is made from February to November to ensure your account is fully paid by 30 November, 2024. Our preferred method of payment is via Bpay (BPay detail are on your monthly statement) however fees may also be paid via EFT, Credit card, cheque and Centrepay. If you require assistance with calculating your weekly, fortnightly or monthly payment amount, please email [finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au](mailto:finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au)

2024 School fee account can be viewed at any time through Compass and updated statement are emailed at the beginning of each month. Families who have a nil balance will not receive a statement.


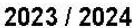

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# College Uniform

Please see below the updated Uniform pricing from LOWES Glendale as well as the link to the website:






**St PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE**

		RRP
<b>GIRLS ALL SEASON UNIFORM</b>		
56313 Sky Blue Overblouse - Junior		\$48.95
92268 S/S Overblouse White With Red Piping & Embroidery - Senior		\$44.95
78144 Ladies Tailored Shorts Charcoal	from	\$34.95
78143 Ladies Ink Navy Tailored Shorts - Seniors		\$39.95
79221 Ladies Ink Navy Tailored Pants - Seniors		\$50.95
91876 Blue/Grey Check Skirt - Junior		\$63.95
91881 Navy Skirt - Senior		\$84.95
96579 Navy Pullover with Embroidery	from	\$81.95
57493 Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Jacket		\$69.95
57494 Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Pants		\$52.95
99877 Navy Short Shell Jacket with Embroidery		\$94.95
97975 White Trafalgar Crew Socks		\$5.95
86260 Navy Jackie Tights		\$8.95
<b>BOYS ALL SEASON UNIFORM</b>		
84257 S/S Deluxe White Shirt with Embroidery	from	\$44.95
84258 Sky Blue Shirt	from	\$47.95
95047 Mid Grey Short		\$54.95
95051 Navy Deluxe College Shorts		\$49.95
97030 Mid Grey PQS College Style Trousers		\$67.95
97032 Navy College Trousers		\$67.95
96579 Navy Pullover with Embroidery	from	\$81.95
99877 Navy Short Shell Jacket with Embroidery		\$94.95
97975 White Trafalgar Crew Socks		\$5.95
99011 Black Leather Belt		\$21.95
<b>SPORTS</b>		
85062 Sky Polo Top	from	\$47.95
96326 Navy Microfibre Stretch Short		\$45.95
79003 Navy Knit Shorts	from	\$45.95
57493 Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Jacket		\$69.95
57494 Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Pants		\$52.95
97906 White Sport Socks		\$5.95
<b>SENIOR BLAZERS</b>		
98410 Navy Collarless Blazer		\$219.95
98590 Navy Blazer		\$219.95


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### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Catholic School's Week:** Starts May 20

**40th Anniversary Celebration:** May 23

**Year 11 2025, Subject Information Evening:** May 28