



June 7 2024 Vol:6-24

*"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."*

Week 4 of the term was when Catholic Schools across New South Wales celebrated Catholic Schools Week. The theme for this year was "Follow Me" which is taken from when Jesus started His missionary work, and He called His first disciples to come and follow Him. The College Prayer below, encapsulates our mission in spreading the mission of the Church and was a central part of our 40th Anniversary Liturgy:

*Lord, as we journey together at St Paul's,  
Help us to grow, guided by the teachings of Jesus,  
The writings of St Paul and the traditions of our faith.*

*Create in us a generous heart,  
Where our relationship with each other is built on peace, love, dignity and justice,  
So that we may experience the words of St Paul, "to live is Christ".*

*Help us to make St Paul's a place of wisdom and learning;  
Where all feel welcomed and safe.  
Guide us in the development of our gifts and talents;  
So that they can be used in the service of others.*

*Spirit of God present in our lives today;  
Inspire us to value the small things of life  
And to meet the great challenges with generous courage.*

## Pupil Free Day

Monday 22 July, 2024 will be a Pupil Free Day. Staff will engage in professional learning on this day with classes resuming for students on Tuesday, 23 July, 2024.

## St Paul's 40th Anniversary Celebrations and Catholic Schools Weeks

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



After Morning Tea the community gathered for a Liturgy to reflect and celebrate the past 40 years of the College.

Included in the Liturgy was the announcement of the 2024

Sunshine Award named in honour of ex-student Jacqui Chatburn, Jacqui was a former student of the college who died of cancer in 2006. She was known for adding 'sunshine' to everyone's life. Her Graduating class initiated the Sunshine Award and the 2024 recipient nominated by their Year 12 peers was Hugh Hall. Hugh demonstrates the qualities of compassion, empathy, kindness, selflessness, humour and honesty which were the cornerstones of his nomination.

The afternoon was filled with activities which saw all CARE Groups participate in a Trivia Competition, a number of musical performance while the students enjoyed lunch followed by students enjoying a Just Dance activity as well as some traditional games like tunnel ball and egg and spoon races.



## Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation Week was celebrated between 27 May to 3 June. The College recognised this significant national event with a Liturgy based around the 2024 theme of 'Now More Than Ever'. National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.



## 2025 Year 11 Subject Information Evening

Tuesday evening of Week 5 saw the majority of Year 10 students and families attend the Year 11 2024 Subject Information Evening. It was wonderful to see so many people in attendance and to witness the fruitful conversations taking place between students and teachers. Throughout the evening, students and families gathered information which enabled the students to make informed choices about their subjects for next year.



Thanks to all the families who attended, Mrs Tierney, Mr Newell and the Leaders of Learning for their coordination of the evening and to all the staff who were present to work with the students and their families.

## 2024 and 2025 Enrolments

St Paul's is still accepting Enrolment Applications from families wishing to be consider for a place in Year 7 2025. These families are asked to contact the Main Office for further details.

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

## Parents and Carers Engagement Meeting

The Term 2 Parent and Carer Engagement Meeting will be held online on Tuesday 18 June, 2024 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).

Link to Register for Parent and Carer Meeting: <https://forms.office.com/r/8W8BGSLpHn>

Current Agenda Items for the Meeting are:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Acknowledgement of Country and Prayer
- Principal Presentation, *including a discussion about the College Uniform and what this could look like in the future*
- Assistant Principal's Presentations
- Parents and Friends Federation Report.
- Matters raised by Parents / Carers
- General Business.

These meetings are to provide advice to the parents and carers on initiatives occurring at the College as well as consulting about the future direction of the College.

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

Mr Nicholas Wickham  
Principal



The learning agenda at St Paul's continues to be filled with engaging experiences for students.

Some of the highlights this term have included:

- Workshops with author Marcus Zusac
- Dramafest
- Legal Studies visit to Parliament House
- French Film Visit excursion
- Mock Trial Competition
- Year 7 parents/carer classroom visits
- Science & Engineering Challenge
- Rising From the Embers
- St Nicholas Centre immersion
- Hunter Valley Zoo Geography excursion
- Romeo and Juliet performance
- Year 9 Geography fieldwork
- Year 10 Stage 6 Course Selection Information Sessions and Taster Lessons

I congratulate students for their participation in these opportunities that are designed to enrich their knowledge and understand of the curriculum. Coupled with these extra curricular learning experiences have been ongoing formative and summative assessments that inform student progress and where learning needs to be individually extended or supported.

St Pauls have a committed teaching and leadership team who must be recognised for the time and passion they devote to providing rich learning experiences for the students of St Pauls.

### **Reports**

Year 11 Mid-Course reports will be uploaded to Compass early next week.

Year 7-10 Semester One reports will be uploaded to Compass in the first week of Term 3.

### **Year 11 2025**

Thank you to the Year 10 parents and carers for their attendance last week at the Year 11 Course Information Sessions. I have highlighted below upcoming dates and resources for students to access as we continue to work together to support students with their course selections for Stage 6.

Friday 7 June 2024 Week 6 Term 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Subject Selections Open</b></li> <li>• Year 10 students are emailed with a link to the course selection website called WebChoice. This link will remain open until 7 June.</li> </ul>
Thursday 6 June & Friday 7 June Week 6 Term 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Taster Lessons:</b> 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.</li> </ul>
Friday 14 June 2024 Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WebChoice link closes (8.45am).</b> Students can still make changes through discussion with APT&amp;L.</li> <li>• Student/Parent/Carer will <b>PRINT</b> the Subject Selection Form once the selection is completed and submit the <b>SIGNED</b> form to Student Reception. <b>By signing this form, the parent/caregiver is acknowledging Course costs and Course selections.</b></li> </ul>
Week 8 Term 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 11 2025 Interviews.</b></li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

UAC-The Universities Admissions Centre produces a booklet to help students make decisions about which courses to take in Years 11 and 12. This booklet, 'Steps to Uni for Year 10 Students', can be accessed at the following link: [year-10-booklet-2026.pdf \(uac.edu.au\)](#) Students have received a hard copy of UAC- Steps to Uni for Year 10 Students.

Below is a link to a website with subject information that students may also access- [ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE Yr11 SUBJECT SELECTION - Home \(weebly.com\)](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact Tracey Evans, Nicole Burns or myself if you have any further questions.

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



# St Paul's 40th Anniversary Celebrations



# St Paul's 40th Anniversary Dinner



# Exploring St Paul's





## St Paul's Catholic Community Reconciliation Liturgy.

The theme for Reconciliation week 2024 is "Now More Than Ever". That no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples will - and must - continue.



Jamie Pockran, Zoe Doyle, Cleo Doyle and Sienna McKibben, pictured below with Emeritus Professor John Maynard, were invited to perform recently at Lake Macquarie City Council for Reconciliation Week. The dance is a mix of contemporary and traditional Aboriginal styles, choreographed by Cleo. A real highlight was Cleo delivering the Acknowledgement of Country verbally and in sign language. Their dance followed an address from Prof. Maynard focused on his grandfather, Fred, the President of the Australian Aboriginal Progressive Association in the 1920s



Leading into Reconciliation Week, students enjoyed a visit to the Rising From the Embers Festival hosted by Wollutuka at the University of Newcastle. They were able to participate in a wide range of cultural activities and yarn with many members of the community. This excursion assisted our year 11 Aboriginal Studies students to learn about Aboriginal Identity and Heritage as well supporting our First Nations students connect with country and kin.



# Markus Zusak Visit

Recently, international, best-selling (Australian!) author Markus Zusak visited St. Paul's to discuss his writing journey with English students from Years 10 to 12. Zusak is best known for his international bestselling novels, *The Book Thief* and *The Messenger*. Students participated in a range of writing workshops – and in the Year 10 workshop, of which I attended- he shared insight into his early life, career and how he has achieved his remarkable success. Markus shared with us an entertaining true-life anecdote, explaining why this story 'worked', and revealed the writing process he undertook for each of his novels. He then gave us time to write our own short paragraphs and those brave enough, shared them with the group. Markus generously allowed us the opportunity to ask him questions regarding his life as a writer and his interesting thoughts on the movie adaptation of *The Book Thief*. Overall, we had a fantastic time attending Markus Zusak's workshop, as it provided us with an interesting and educational insight into his phenomenal success and most importantly – how to be a better writer! - Harper Selmes Year 10



Libby Lucas  
Leader of Learning - English



## ROMEO & JULIET – MASHED THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

On Monday Year 9 students participated in an English incursion to introduce them to the complex and exciting world of Shakespeare. The production was acted by two young professionals who traversed the modern world of being a High School student and the Shakespearean world of the play, discussing important moments through the re-enactments. Students engaged with the production through smiles and gasps. Their learning will be further consolidated when they study a Shakespearean play as a part of the Stage 5 English curriculum.



## POET VISIT – WILL SMALL

Slam Poet, Will Small, engaged Year 7 and 8 English classes this week as he taught them about the importance of poetry to explore emotions within the strict structure of rhyme and rhythm needed for slam poetry. Students worked in small groups in a workshop-style class, and were keen to share their ideas with Will, raising hands and enthusiastically participating in the creative process. This English incursion supports the Stage 4 curriculum focus on poetry in an engaging way. Watch this space for a future Slam Poetry – Slam off!



Libby Lucas  
Leader of Learning - English



## CCC Cross Country

On Wednesday 5th June, Madeline Platt, Grady Platt, Madeleine Maxwell and Max Punton travelled to Sydney for the CCC Cross Country Championships. A muddy track made it hard for our runners, however, this didn't stop them crossing the line. A big Congratulations to Madeline Platt and Grady Platt who placed in the top 8 and have been selected into the CCC Team.



## OzTag

Last Thursday, 60 keen and dedicated students from Yr 7 to Yr 11 travelled to Tomaree Sports Complex to take part in the Regional OzTag Tournament. Whilst we didn't come away final winners, all students displayed grit and sportsmanship. They represented our school community with pride and a wonderful day was had by all.



**Jaydn Raven**

Congratulations to Jaydn Raven (Yr 10) who travelled to Sydney last Thursday and Friday for the NSW All Schools Swimming Championships. A great effort in his sport!



**Clay Hillier**

Congratulations to Clay Hillier (Yr 10) for his successful selections into the 15's CCC Country Camp - Rugby League. An injury in the first game of the trials, hindered his team selection, however, the St Paul's community are still proud of his achievements – enjoy the experience in the school holidays.

Our ATHLETICS CARNIVAL is fast approaching on Tuesday 2nd July. Get your team colours and outfits ready and practice your athletics skills. Bring your team spirit and polish your best running shoes!!



Jodie Woolley  
Sport's Coordinator

If you would like support to apply for or to discuss the We Care Therapy grant, you can contact your child's LoWE or our Beyond the Gates Caseworker Louise Hawkins.



## **What is Variety's We Care - Therapy Grant?**

Variety NSW/ACT We Care Therapy grant provides financial assistance towards therapy costs to assist children with a condition and are awaiting a diagnosis or are ineligible for NDIS support and require therapy. The grant is up to the value of \$2000 over a twelve-month period.

Applicants must be:

1. In NSW or ACT (citizenship or PR not required).
2. Between 0 to 18 years old.
3. Suspected or have a confirmed condition that is likely to require ongoing allied health and/or NDIS support, but do not qualify for NDIS, are waiting for a formal diagnosis, or have extenuating circumstances.

## **Get in touch**

If you have any questions, please get in touch with our friendly team at [kidssupport@varietynsw.org.au](mailto:kidssupport@varietynsw.org.au).

## **What equipment does We Care - Therapy fund?**

Eligible therapy requests include:

- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Hydrotherapy
- Psychology
- Exercise Physiology
- And/or
- Assessments or reports by eligible therapists

Visit [variety.org.au/nsw](http://variety.org.au/nsw) for the full guidelines.



**Find out more!**

## SuperParent Powers Program

The guide for parenting pre-teens and teens

[www.superparentpowers.au](http://www.superparentpowers.au)

SuperParent Powers has been designed by The Kidman Centre at the University of Technology, Sydney. SuperParent Powers is a 2h interactive training program for parents and caregivers of 10 – 15-year-old children. Did you know that the most powerful thing you can do to protect your child against poor mental health is building a strong connection?

### CONNECTION = PROTECTION

This program will equip you with the skills to help your child to feel heard and supported. You'll gain the knowledge to guide your child through challenging emotions, identify when they may be grappling with mental hurdles, foster their independence within reasonable boundaries, and most importantly, effectively manage your own emotions.

Please note: This is currently a Research Study. We are evaluating the SuperParent Powers training for its effectiveness and to improve quality and your learning experience. Right now, you can access the program for FREE if you participate in our research. again, participation would involve completing a short survey before the training and then again after completion and at the follow-up points after 3 and 12 months. For more information or to sign up for this program please visit [www.superparentpowers.au](http://www.superparentpowers.au)



Please notify the main office by email of any changes to personal or medical details.

Email: [admin@booragul.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@booragul.catholic.edu.au)

## 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.


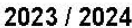

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# College Uniform

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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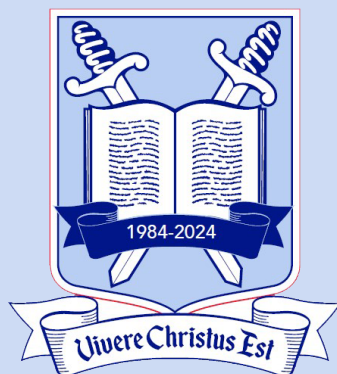
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Switch/Reception  
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Canteen  
Telephone: 4946 3115

Clothing Pool: Please see the main office for uniform needs.



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**10 June:** Public Holiday

**14 June:** DioSounds Performance

**20 June:** Semester 2 Showcase

**26 June:** Year 9 Camp

**2 July:** Athletics Carnival

**5 July:** St Paul's Day