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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."*

In the first week of term, our Year 12 students commenced their HSC exams, we continue to pray for the students as they finalise their exams over the coming weeks. The following prayer was said prior to the student's first English exam:

*Dear Lord,*

*As the Year 12 students commence their HSC exams, we ask for your guidance and strength. Grant them clarity of mind and calmness of spirit. Help them to focus, absorb knowledge, and express their understanding with confidence.*

*Surround them with peace, and may they approach each challenge with determination and resilience. Help them to trust in their preparation and to embrace the journey ahead.*

*We ask this prayer in your name.*

*Amen*

St Paul            Pray for Us

## **Pupil Free Day**

Monday 11 November, 2024 will be a Pupil Free Day. Staff will engage in Spirituality Day off site throughout the day. Teaching and Support Staff will not be on site on this day.

## **Paul Burke Memorial**

On Tuesday, the college community, gathered for the opening and blessing of the Paul Burke Memorial. Mr Burke's wife, Sue and daughters, Kristen and Melissa attended along with extended members of his family and some of his friends.

Mr Burke was a foundational staff member of the college, when it opened in 1984. He continued to teach students at St Paul's until his untimely death in 2021 – 37 years of dedicated service to our school. Mr Burke was a PDHPE Leader of Learning and teacher, he also coached many different sporting teams during his time at the college.

It was a wonderful recognition of Mr Burke's legacy to the school with former colleagues Belinda Flood and Craig McLoughlin sharing insights into his contributions. Fr Greg Barker Vicar General and Parish Priest blessed the Memorial which will be used as an Outdoor Learning Space primarily for PDHPE lessons.



## School Uniform

The following information has been communicated to Parents and Carers via Compass today, regarding changes to the College uniform in the coming years.

Dear Parents and Carers

During Term 2 and 3, I wrote to parents and carers advising and seeking feedback about possible changes to the student uniform at the College. Over 100 parents and carers provided feedback via the survey conducted in Term 3 with 87% of the respondents indicating they supported the College investigating changes to the student uniform.

Detailed feedback from the survey was provided at the Term 3 Parent and Carer Engagement Group meeting. The parents and carers present ratified the decision for the College to continue with the process of changing the student uniform. The parents and carers present at the meeting asked that this decision be communicated to all families so a further opportunity for any additional feedback could be provided. If you would like to provide any further feedback regarding the change to the student uniform, please enter these details at the link below by Monday 4 November, 2024:

<https://forms.office.com/r/5gKjUTh3c7>

Changes to school uniform can cause apprehension to some community members, as has been previously communicated the change to the College uniform would be a gradual change and will take a number of years for the new uniform to be fully implemented. Throughout the process of developing the uniform feedback will be shared with the community.

Your feedback throughout the process has been greatly appreciated.

## **Respectful Relationships Presentations.**

On Thursday, 14 November, 2024 the College will host renowned speakers Melinda Tankard Reist and Dr Marshall Ballantine-Jones.

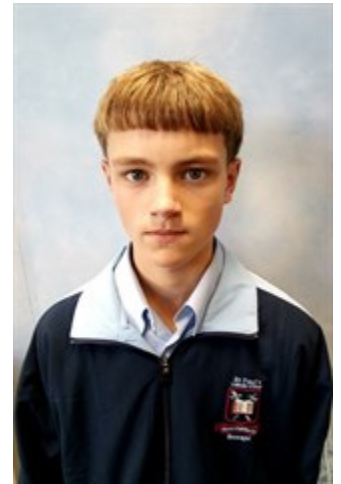
Melinda Tankard Reist is a strong advocate for woman and girls, she will present information related to respectful relationships to assist our female students navigate the challenges of today's world. While these presentations are occurring, Dr Marshall Ballantine-Jones will work with our male students providing them with guidance on how to act responsibly and respond respectfully in society.

There will also be a Parent and Carer Information Session on the evening of 14 November, 2024 commencing at 6pm.

More detailed information about the presentations will be distributed to Parents and Carers this week via Compass.

## **Student Achievements**

Congratulations to Lukas Hall of Year 8, Lukas achieved selection in the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges (CCC) Athletics Merit Team. Lukas competed in Hurdles and 100m sprint at the CCC carnival held at the end of Term 3.



## **Real Women Event**

Members of the Boolaroo, Warners Bay and Booragul Parish Real Women group have arranged an event for Monday 18 November, 2024 commencing at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall at Warners Bay. The guest speaker on the evening will be Rose McAllister. Rose will provide insights related to the aMeN caMiNo pilgrimage. Further information can be found on the flyer included with the Newsletter.

## **Melbourne Cup**

As has been a tradition at the College for many years the students will have the opportunity to watch the running of the Melbourne Cup in the hall on Tuesday 5 November, 2024. For those students who don't wish to watch the Cup they will be supervised in the Main Yard. The students will move to the hall or yard just prior to the running of the Cup.

## **Catholic Schools Office School Community Code of Conduct**

Included in all Enrolment Forms is a copy of the School Community Code of Conduct which was developed by the Catholic Schools Office in recent years. The document outlines the expectations for both students and parent / carers. The foundational principles of the document are relational and respect. See Code of Conduct below:

*Mr Nicholas Wickham  
Principal*





# School Community Code of Conduct

Members of Catholic school communities in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle agree to nurture and support each other's individual growth in faith, to create communities of respect and tolerance and to engage in the promotion of peace, justice and service of others.

The School Community Code of Conduct reinforces our understanding of the rights and responsibilities each of us has in ensuring we provide an environment where our students can thrive.

Upon acceptance of enrolment and as a condition of continuing enrolment in our Catholic schools, all members of the school community are bound by this Code of Conduct. School staff must abide by the CSO's Code of Conduct for staff members available at: [www.mn.catholic.edu.au/about/policies](http://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/about/policies)

## Students in Catholic school communities agree to:

- ▶ Model positive behaviour to other students.
- ▶ Comply with and model school values.
- ▶ Behave in a safe and responsible manner.
- ▶ Respect themselves and other members of the school community both personally and through the use of all social media technologies at all times.
- ▶ Respect our school environment.
- ▶ Actively participate in our school community.
- ▶ Support the learning of others and make the most of our educational opportunities.

## Parents/Carers and volunteers in Catholic school communities agree to:

- ▶ Understand and abide by all diocesan policies, procedures and guidelines, which are available on the CSO website [www.mn.catholic.edu.au/about/policies](http://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/about/policies)
- ▶ Model positive behaviour to their child and all children in the school community.
- ▶ Ensure children attend school on time, every day the school is open for instruction.
- ▶ Take an active interest in their child's school and their learning and to engage positively in all aspects of their child's learning.
- ▶ Participate in the Liturgical and Faith Life community of the school including participation in all aspects of the Religious Studies program regardless of personal beliefs.
- ▶ Work in a positive manner with the school to achieve the best outcomes for our child.
- ▶ Communicate constructively, respectfully and in a spirit of partnership with the school and use processes and protocols outlined in the CSO Complaints Resolution Policy documents when raising concerns.
- ▶ Communicate with their child's teacher or the Principal directly regarding any concerns about their child, other students, staff or community members.
- ▶ Reject aggressive, abusive and confrontational language and behaviour, as this is counterproductive to the sustainability of any relationship. Approaching students, community members and/or staff in a confronting manner will not be tolerated.
- ▶ Support all school staff to maintain a safe learning environment for all students.
- ▶ Treat all school staff, students, other members of the school community, visitors and volunteers with respect in all dealings with them both personally and through the use of all social media technologies at all times.
- ▶ Discuss with the Principal any barriers to meeting the financial obligations agreed to at the time of enrolment and seek to form an agreement with the school to meet these.
- ▶ Ensure any agreement made with the school is honoured.



It has been a pleasure to begin Term 4 at St Paul's! Like every term, the busyness and joy of school life continues. The final term of the year is a time for students to continue new learning in their courses and consolidate the content, knowledge and skills. I encourage students to seek feedback from their teachers and work toward achieving their best in all courses. I also implore students to enjoy the learning and positive experiences that come from involvement in the extracurricular life of the school.

## **2024 HSC Exams**

As a school community we are very proud of our Year 12 students and continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they complete exams.

## **St Paul's Catholic College HSC 2025 Policy & Procedures**

Please see below a link to the St Paul's Catholic College HSC 2025 Policy & Procedures. The assessment policy is accessible via the school website.

<https://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/media/6271/2025-hsc-assessment-policy-and-procedures.pdf>

The assessment schedules for each course are also contained in this document.

Please contact Mr Connell or myself if we can be of assistance regarding assessment procedures and policy.

## **Year 11 Course Awards**

The Year 11 Course Awards will be held Tuesday October 29 at 2pm in the St Paul's school hall. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of this cohort of students. We welcome families to attend this event.

## **Yr 11 Student Conferences**

Conferences for Year 11 students and their parents/carers will be held between 3.30pm to 5.30pm on Tuesday November 29 in the Damascus Centre. A Compass notification will be sent home shortly with a link to book.

The conferences are a valuable opportunity to meet with every teacher of the course students are completing.

*Emma Tierney*  
*Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning*



# Cafe Night

## Christmas Real Women

*Placing Value on Womanhood*

**Date :** Monday, 18 November 2024

**Time :** 7.30pm – 9.15pm  
Tea or Coffee served from 7.00pm

**Place :** St Mary's Catholic Church Hall  
Bayview Street, Warners Bay

**Guest Speaker:** *Rose McAllister*

Rose will talk about the aMeN caMiNo pilgrimage, which takes place over five consecutive days when Pilgrims walk an average of 20km per day through the beautiful landscape of bush, beach and beyond which we are blessed to have in our backyard.

**Cost:** Donation of \$15 per person –

\*Specific diet requirements will be met as far as possible. Please advise when purchasing tickets.

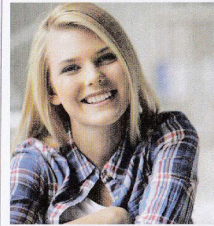
**Bookings will open at St Mary's Hall, Warners Bay on Saturday 19 October 2024 10am to 12pm.**

Bookings may also be made by phone if you are unable to be at hall.

**Phone: Sue - 0417 091 255 or Marie – 0429 191 245.**

*Catholic Parish of Boolaroo/Warners Bay*

REAL  
women



valued

challenged

placing value on  
womanhood

loved



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# Paul Burke Memorial





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

Please see the office  
for clothing  
pool enquiries



## **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. Please provide a copy of original card to [finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au](mailto:finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au)

### **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.

**Finance Contact Details:** Erica Gale  
finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au  
Telephone: 4958 6711

Mrs Erica Gale - Finance Officer  
finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au





# College Uniform

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

## School Price List

School D-3902 St Paul's Catholic College - Booragul

				Current Promo	Retail Price	New Retail Price.	
<b>Everyday</b>							
<b>Summer</b>	All	56313	Sky Blue Overblouse		\$48.95	\$49.95	
		92268	Snr Ss Overblouse White With Red Piping & Emb		\$44.95	\$47.95	\$47.95
		84257	SS White Shirt With Emb		\$44.95	\$56.95	\$51.95 \$56.95
		84258	SS Sky Blue Shirt With Emb		\$47.95	\$59.95	\$52.95 \$59.95
		78143	Ladies Ink Navy Tailored Shorts		\$39.95		\$41.95
		78144	Ladies Charcoal Tailored Shorts		\$39.95		\$41.95
		91876	Blue/Grey Check Skirt		\$63.95		\$66.95
		91881	Navy Skirt-Senior		\$84.95		\$88.95
		95047	Mid Grey PQS Shorts		\$54.95		\$56.95
<b>Winter</b>	All	97030	Mid Grey PQS Trousers		\$67.95		\$70.95
		97032	Navy College Trousers		\$67.95		\$70.95
		96579	Navy Pullover With Emb		\$81.95	\$98.95	\$85.95 \$99.95
		86260	Navy Jackie Tights		\$8.95		\$9.95
<b>All Season</b>	All	97906	White Sports Socks		\$5.95		\$6.95
		97975	White Trafalgar Crew Socks		\$5.95		\$6.95
		99011	Black Leather Belt		\$22.95		\$23.95
<b>Sports</b>							
<b>Summer</b>	All	85062	Sky Polo Top		\$47.95	\$50.95	\$50.95
		79003	Navy Shorts		\$45.95	\$47.95	\$47.95
		96326	Navy Shorts		\$45.95		\$47.95
<b>Winter</b>	All	57493	Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Jacket		\$69.95		\$72.95
		57494	Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Pants		\$52.95		\$54.95
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		79337	Navy/Red/Sky Tie With Emb		\$27.95		
		95051	Navy Deluxe College Shorts		\$49.95		\$51.95
		99877	Navy Softshell Jacket With Emb		\$94.95		\$96.95

<https://www.lowes.com.au/schools-online/st-paul-s-catholic-college-booragul>

# Contact Us



## St Paul's Catholic College

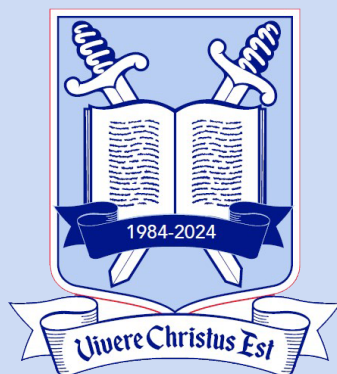
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Web Site: <http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/>

Switch/Reception  
Hours: 8.30am 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

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



### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Year 11 Award Ceremony: P5 29th Oct

Year 11 Student Conferences: 29th Oct

Pupil Free Day: 11th Nov