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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 passage from Mark's Gospel was proclaimed at our Opening College Mass on Wednesday:

*Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'*

*He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'*

*Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.*

Our new Parish Priest Fr Darryl Mackie in his Homily explained to the community we grow in all areas of life by experiencing discomfort at times. He shared how a lobster experiences discomfort as it become too big for its shell, resulting in it shedding its shell to continue to grow.

We offer our appreciation to Fr Darryl for celebrating mass and also for the parents, carers, official guests from the Catholic Schools Office and former students joining with the 2025 community for the opening mass and awards ceremony. Thanks also to Mr Pola-Kuras for her preparation of our Eucharist celebration.



St Paul

Pray for Us

## Welcome to 2025



It was pleasing to welcome all students to the new 2025 School Year at our Assembly last week, especially our Year 7 students and new students in other year groups.

At our Opening College Assembly, we also welcomed our new staff for 2025. Our new Staff are:

- Alanna Bohatko Year 7 Leader of Wellbeing and Engagement
- Samuel Davidson TAS Teacher
- Lawson Dooley Learning Support Assistant
- Thomas Fairleigh Maths and TAS Teacher
- Adam Grant Learning Support Teacher
- Miranda Griffin English Teacher
- Sarah Kalver Learning Support Assistant
- Nicole Moore English as an Additional Language Dialect Teacher
- Anya Morris English Teacher
- Thomas Murphy Maths and Science Teacher
- Peta Strategos Year 11 Leader of Wellbeing and Engagement
- Megan Tonks Religious Studies Teacher
- Teliece Wallace Religious Studies Leader of Learning

### Leadership Staff in 2025

- Anne-Maree Shipman Assistant Principal (Community and Wellbeing)
- Emma Tierney Assistant Principal (Teaching and Learning)
- Renee Pola Kuras Ministry Coordinator
- Anna Hennessy Administration Coordinator
- Alanna Bohatko Year 7 Leader of Wellbeing and Engagement
- Kerrie-Lee Guest Year 8 Leader of Wellbeing and Engagement
- Michael Eccleston Year 9 Leader of Wellbeing and Engagement
- Lauren Rieck (Term 1) Year 10 Leader of Wellbeing and Engagement
- Peta Strategos Year 11 Leader of Wellbeing and Engagement
- Joel Connell Year 12 Leader of Wellbeing and Engagement
- To Be Confirmed Leader of Wellbeing and Engagement Support
- Teliece Wallace Religious Studies Leader of Learning
- Libby Lucas English Leader of Learning
- Belinda Richardson Mathematics Leader of Learning
- Sarah Daniels Science Leader of Learning
- Melissa Chapman HSIE Leader of Learning
- Blair Brownlee PDHPE Leader of Learning
- Cassie Burt Creative & Performing Arts & Languages Leader of Learning

- Alice Grant TAS Leader of Learning (Term 1)
- Sam Heagney VET Leader of Learning (Term 1)
- Anne-Marie Melocco Learning Support Coordinator
- Mark Newell Learning Technologies Coordinator
- Christine Churchward Leader of Alternative Pathways
- Nicole Deed Pedagogical Mentor
- Jodie Woolley Sports Coordinator
- Nicole Burns Careers Coordinator

These leaders will work in partnership with the teachers to support the faith, wellbeing, and learning development of your children.

The following staff also have specific roles in the College to support the students with their learning and wellbeing needs:

- Kerri Beezley Teacher Librarian
- Carol Paterson Gifted Education Mentor
- Caitlin French School Counsellor (Monday and Tuesday)
- Melissa Chellis School Counsellor (Wednesday to Friday)
- Louise Hawkins Beyond the Gates Caseworker (Monday to Thursday)
- Melissa Dobosz Pastoral Care Worker (Wednesday and Thursday)

### **2024 HSC / RoSA Awards Ceremony**

At the conclusion of the Opening Mass, the 2024 Diocesan HSC and RoSA Awards were presented. Aunty Louise Campbell, Mr Ryan Gato and Mr John Tobin from the Catholic Schools Office were in attendance for mass and to present these awards. It was wonderful to affirm the students for their academic success in 2024.

Lara Wrightson was recognised for achieving the College's highest shared ATAR in 2024.

The follow students were affirmed for being First in a HSC Course across the Diocese:

- Hugh Chidgey Automotive Examination
- Paige Stalling Business Studies
- Ella Suters Italian Beginners

The following 2024 Year 10 students received the Catholic Schools Office's Academic Achievement awards for their efforts in the Year 10 RoSA. To achieve these awards, a Year 10 student must have attained 6 or more Grade A's in their ROSA across all subjects.

- Eva Barwick
- Isla Higginson
- Sarah King
- Rylan McElhone
- Julia Murphy
- Harper Selmes
- Lana Snedden
- Gabrielle Tinawin



## Weekly Masses

In recent years students have been attending the local Parish Mass at St Michael the Archangel Church, Booragul at 9.00am on a Tuesday. This will continue in 2025, 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 generally each fortnight, depending on the timetable and it is hoped all students will be able to attend once throughout the year.

## Seatbelts on Buses

Students are reminded if the buses they travel to and from school on have seatbelts fitted they are required by law to use the seatbelts while on the bus.

## 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 parents/carers. The foundational principles of the document are relational and respect. A copy of the Code of Conduct is shown 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.



## **Welcome to the 2025 school year.**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all members of our school community to the new school year and to extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families/carers to the St Paul's Catholic College community. It has been a pleasure to connect with our students again and begin to get to know and work with our Year 7 students and the new students who have joined St Pauls across all year groups. We also welcome to our community the new teachers who have chosen to work at St Pauls. We are appreciative of the rich learning opportunities they bring that will enhance learning at the school.

## **Assessment**

The 2025 Assessment Policies have been made available to students and parents/carers via Compass. The assessment handbooks are accessible via the school website. The assessment schedule for each course can be found in the handbook. The assessment policy outlines the procedures for each year group for assessment submission and procedures to be followed if a student is absent for an assessment task. The dates of Assessment Tasks are available on the Compass school calendar.

## **NAPLAN**

Each year the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is sat by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students will participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. NAPLAN 2025 will take place from Wednesday 12 March to Monday 24 March (dates NAPLAN tests will be sat are to be advised). NAPLAN is just one part of our school's learning assessment program. The tests assess literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school, so the best preparation is their everyday classroom learning. Our school will also undertake activities to help students become familiar with the types of questions and tools available in the online tests. The public demonstration site (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/publicdemonstration-site>) is available for you to see the format of the online tests. Further information about NAPLAN is available on the NESA website (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/naplan>) and the NAP website (<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers>). If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

## **Students will need the required equipment to complete Practice Tests in Week 5 (Wednesday February 26):**

- 1. Laptop- Charged (Ipads cannot be used to complete the tests)**
- 2. Pen/pencil**
- 3. Headphones- compatible with device**

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact myself by email or telephoning the school.

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

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

All the best for the year ahead.





Welcome back to the beginning of 2025. We welcome our Year 7 students to the beginning of their high school journey, our Year 8's who are now cementing themselves within our community, Year 9 who begin their transition from stage 4 to 5 where there is more independence, Year 10 who are now part of the college leadership group, Year 11 who are choosing their own study/work pathway and Year 12 who begin to take the final road of their secondary education. Whatever pathway each of our students decides to travel, we hope that they find happiness and fulfillment.

In our Care Group time during Term 1 the focus will be on the CARE value of Compassion. Students will be reminded of some key behaviours which will enable all to feel safe and supported in our community.

- Being welcoming, patient and kind
- Respecting the dignity of all
- Allowing others to do their best

Students are also encouraged to begin the year well and do their own personal best in each of their classrooms by:

- Being organised, prepared and ready to learn (learning is valued)
- Working together and valuing all learning opportunities (teamwork)
- Listening to teacher instruction and direction (courtesy & kindness)

## **Wellbeing Team**

The Wellbeing Team works closely with all staff, students and families. They are also supported by the Learning Support Team which is led by Anne-Marie Melocco. Mrs Melocco and the Learning Support Team will also continue to provide extra student and family support. The learning support teachers and aides, work closely with the LoWE's to ensure all students have the benefit of achieving their own personal academic, social and future goals and success. Parents are encouraged to seek assistance where needed to support their son/daughter.

## **Traffic Management**

To ensure the safety of all on the roundabout inside the school grounds, parents and carers are asked to drop students at the front gate and avoid entering school grounds in their car during the nominated times on the signage at the front of the school. There are over 12 buses entering the site in the morning from 8.15-8.45am and 2.50-3.40pm and the zone in front of the hall is for BUSES ONLY during these times.

***Please do not drop students in the BUS ZONES during the times indicated on the road signs at the front of the school.***

I wish all students every success as we embark on our journey together in 2025.

“For there is always light,  
if only we’re brave enough to see it.  
If only we’re brave enough to be it.”

Amanda Gorman

Regards to All

Anne-Maree Shipman  
Assistant Principal - Wellbeing & Engagement





# Compass Parent Guide

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to 2025! The Compass Parent Portal is an online portal that allows you to access up-to-date information about our school and your child's progress.

The portal is accessible via the web and also via the Compass School Manager App (available for download via the App store on your device).

Within the parent portal are many different features including the ability to:

- Add Attendance Notes
- Monitor your child's homework and assessment tasks
- View Semester and Progress Reports
- Book Parent Teacher Conferences
- Consent and Pay for school events
- View school news items

This link <https://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/media/6364/compassparentguide.pdf> will take you to a COMPASS Parent Guide to assist you with many of the features of Compass and will assist you with navigating the portal including step by step information on how to complete key processes.

If you have any questions regarding your Compass parent portal, please contact the school (0249586711) for assistance.



## A Blessed and Bright Year Ahead for 2025!

### Dear Parents, Carers, and Students,

We are absolutely thrilled to welcome you to St. Paul's Catholic College for an exciting and faith-filled 2025 school year! Our Religious Studies Faculty is bursting with enthusiasm as we embark on a journey of learning, growth, and spiritual discovery. Whether you are a returning family or new to our community, we want to ensure that this year will be one of inspiration, connection, and deepened faith.

### A Heartfelt Welcome from the Religious Studies Faculty

At St. Paul's, the Religious Studies Faculty is more than just a place of learning—it's a community of faith, reflection, and shared values. As part of the vibrant Catholic community at our school, we are excited to guide students through their spiritual and academic growth. Our faculty members are passionate educators, each dedicated to helping students not only understand their faith but also apply it to their daily lives. This year, our faculty is composed of Melissa Chapman, Joel Connell, Nicole Deed, Michael Eccleston, Sheridan Foye, Emily Heads, Alicia Paterson, Renee Polakuras, Peta Strategos, Emma Tierney, Megan Tonks, Harrison Towle, Gabrielle Tranter, and Teliece Wallace, who serves as the Leader of Learning for Religious Studies. Ann-Marie Skinner will also join our faculty periodically throughout the year in a casual capacity.

### A Year of Growth, Faith, and Reflection

In Religious Studies this year, we will explore the stories and teachings of our faith, engage in thoughtful discussions, and reflect on how we can live out our Catholic values in the world. Our goal is to nurture a deep sense of curiosity and respect for others, while helping each student grow spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally.

### Key Events and Exciting Opportunities

This year promises several exciting opportunities for students to deepen their relationship with God and one another, including:

- **Retreats and Reflection Days:** These special days will give students time to pause, reflect, and grow spiritually.
- **Community Service Projects:** We encourage students to live their faith through hands-on service to others.
- **Prayer and Liturgical Celebrations:** Throughout the year, we will gather for prayer services and Masses that invite our school community to come together in worship.

## **What Parents and Carers Can Expect**

Our school is committed to walking alongside you in your child's journey of faith and education. We encourage open communication and look forward to working with you to ensure your child has a fulfilling and enriching year. Together, we will support your child's growth and encourage them to live out the values of love, kindness, and faith that are central to our Catholic tradition.

We invite all families to stay connected through our school newsletters, parent-teacher meetings, and school events. Be on the lookout for more information about how you can get involved in our Religious Studies activities and help support our mission of forming students in the image of Christ.

## **Looking Forward to an Amazing Year Together!**

We are excited for what 2025 holds, and we are thankful for the opportunity to work together with you as partners in your child's educational and spiritual journey. Let's make this year one of faith, community, and growth.

Welcome to St. Paul's Catholic College—where faith and learning come together in a vibrant, welcoming community.

Blessings and Best Wishes,

**The Religious Studies Faculty**

St. Paul's Catholic College

This year the Launch of Project Compassion will be a part of the Jubilee Year Launch on Sunday 2 March in Newcastle. Bishop Michael is calling for a contingent from our school to attend the pilgrimage walk (with our school banner and casual clothes) from Nobby's beach to the Cathedral, the celebration in the Cathedral as well as a Festival afterwards. Also, on that day and throughout the next week (2nd- 7th March) there will be an exhibition of Blessed Carlo Acutis, (including a Holy Relic) who will be Canonised April 27, 2025 St Peter's Square, Rome during the Jubilee of Teenagers (April 25-27 2025).

More information about the Jubilee Year celebrations can be found here on the Diocese website and will be published in our next newsletter.



### 10 Questions about the Jubilee Year

**What is the 2025 Jubilee Year all about? Find out below!**

*Fiona Duque PUBLISHED February 04, 2025*

#### What is a Jubilee Year?

Jubilees are wonderful celebrations of significant milestones. You probably hear it most when people are talking about years of marriage. Catholic Jubilee Years encompass many practices and rituals. Pilgrims undertake journeys, often travelling to significant holy sites. The ritual opening of the Holy Door by the Pope. The focus on reconciliation allows forgiveness and healing. Liturgy and prayer offer moments of reflection, devotion communal worship, and strengthening of faith and beliefs that reinforce renewal and transformation that are central themes to the Jubilee Year.

#### What does the Bible say?

In Leviticus 25:10, we read that a jubilee is rooted in the idea of remission and universal pardon. The Jubilee Year in Jewish tradition is indeed a time of great joy and forgiveness. It marks the 50th year, during which debts are forgiven, enslaved people are freed, and land is returned to its original owners. The Jewish people call it Yovel, named after the ram's horn, that is blown signifying its start.

#### Why does the Catholic Church celebrate Jubilee Years?

The establishment of the first jubilee or "Holy Year" by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300 was a significant moment in history and continues to be so for the Catholic Church. The jubilee signifies a period of special grace and celebration. The fundamental idea remains the same as it does for the Jewish people – remission, renewal, and reconciliation. It also encompasses broader themes of solidarity, hope, and justice. It's a call to serve with joy and to live in peace with one another, and the opportunity for a deeper connection with God's grace.

#### When is it celebrated?

Within the Catholic Church, ordinary jubilees have generally been celebrated every 25 or 50 years, with extraordinary jubilees in addition depending on what needs there might be in the world. For example, Pope Francis called an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in 2016. This year's Jubilee started on 24 December 2024 with the Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica. It will finish on 6 January 2026 the Feast of the Epiphany, with the closing of the Door.

#### How is it launched?

Within the Catholic Church, it is the opening of this Holy Door that is a threshold moment that holds deep symbolic meaning within the context of the Jubilee. The act of the Pope opening the door is a powerful moment, marking the start of the Holy Year and inviting the faithful to partake in the blessings and graces associated with it. It is a beautiful expression of the transformative power of faith and the hope it brings to millions worldwide.

#### Why is pilgrimage an important aspect of the Jubilee Year?

The Jubilee Year is a profound year of grace, mercy and conversion involving prayer, pilgrimage, and sacramental repentance. It calls for us to set out on a journey and to cross boundaries. It's a journey that nourishes the soul and brings the pilgrim closer to God, and the call God has on their life. Therefore, a pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year can be a profoundly enriching practice that encompasses personal transformation, communal faith, historical continuity, and spiritual renewal.

#### What is the theme of this year's Jubilee?

In Pope Francis' Papal Bull (a proclamation issued by the Pope) announcing the Jubilee Year, the initial words were 'hope does not disappoint'. And so, the call is to be Pilgrims of Hope (official theme) and in the words of Pope Francis: "A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life." And in the words of Bishop Michael: "When we journey, we do not only change place physically, but we also change ourselves by allowing God's grace to touch us."

#### How can I get involved?

First and foremost, on Sunday 2 March there will be the Diocesan Launch. This will be a fantastic day of community where everyone from across the Diocese is invited to a pilgrimage, Mass and festival. On this day, more information will be available about other significant events on the calendar. There is also the opportunity to receive a Pilgrim Passport for those wishing to make the journey to as many of our local pilgrimage sites as possible. Read on to find out more...

#### What are the larger events on the calendar?

On 6 April, join with other churches in our area as we walk The Way of the Cross. On 8 Aug, there will be an aMeN caMiNo Experience for those who would like to support our Camino pilgrims. There is also an amazing opportunity to pilgrim with Bishop Michael following in the footsteps of St Paul and visiting Rome from 25 Sept-11 Oct. The NATSICC Assembly will be on 29 Sept-3 Oct, and the Australian Catholic Youth Festival on 30 Nov-2 Dec in Melbourne. For more information, email: [mission@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:mission@mn.catholic.org.au)

#### Where are our local pilgrimage sites?

Bishop Michael particularly wishes to highlight parish communities who have offered their Churches as sites of pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year. The official sites are as follows: [Sacred Heart Cathedral-Newcastle West](#), [St Mary Star of the Sea-Newcastle](#), [St John the Baptist Shrine-Maitland](#), [St Joseph's-East Maitland](#), [St Joseph's-Murrurundi](#), [Blessed Virgin Mary Queen of Peace-Scone](#), [Our Lady of the Rosary Church-Taree](#) and [Saints Patrick & Brigid-Cooranbong](#) (you could make this last one part of your support to the Camino pilgrims). Keep watching for more events to follow as the year goes on...

#### Join us!

Bishop Michael invites all to celebrate the Jubilee Year with a special event on Sunday 2 March! It will start with a Diocesan pilgrimage from Nobby's Beach at 8am to Sacred Heart Cathedral, culminating in Mass at 10am and a Festival at 11am in the Cathedral precinct grounds. All corners of the Diocese are encouraged to get involved as we celebrate Pope Francis' theme - Pilgrims of Hope.



To help our parishes celebrate this special event please read over the page.

## **Celebrating the Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025 For the Parishes of Boolaroo, Booragul, Morisset and Toronto.**

With the Jubilee of Hope being launched at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, all parishioners are both invited and encouraged to attend this major event (as it only happens once every 25 years).

### **How can I get to the Cathedral?**

With many people expected to attend the events, parking will be difficult. To assist our parishioners getting there, we have ordered buses (free of charge). There are two ways of being part of the pilgrimage:

- for those who are able to walk from Nobby's Beach foreshore to the Cathedral (about 4kms), the pilgrimage walk will begin at 8am.
- for those unable to walk that distance and still want to be part of the pilgrimage, we have arranged for you to be dropped off closer to the Cathedral.

### **Early bus to Nobby's Beach**

Morisset	6.30am
Toronto	6.50am
Boolaroo	7.05am
Warners Bay	7.15am
Nobbys Beach	7.45am

### **Later bus to the Cathedral**

Morisset	8.15am
Toronto	8.35am
Boolaroo	8:50am
Warners Bay	9.05am
Nobbys Beach	9.30am

Mass will be celebrated at 10am followed by stalls, displays, kids' entertainment and free food outlets. The event is expected to finish around 1pm and our buses will be ready to take us home at that time.

**To assist us with our bus planning could you please mark on the sheets in the churches, if you will be attending and which bus (time and place) you will be joining.**

### **Changes to Masses for the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025**

To encourage as many people as possible to attend there will be only one Sunday morning Mass in the 4 parishes which will be held at St Mary's Warners Bay at 9.00am. It will be live streamed, as will the Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral for those who cannot attend.

All Vigil Masses will remain the same Our Lady Help of Christians Boolaroo (5.30pm) and St John Vianney Morisset (5.00pm). Please note that there will also be an additional Vigil Mass this weekend at St Joseph's Toronto (5.30am).

### **Jubilee Indulgence**

Bishop Michael writes: *This year provides an opportunity for personal and communal renewal and calls us to be "tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardship of any kind" (Spes non confundit, 10). As part of this renewal, it is customary during years of Jubilee for the Church to make indulgences available for the faithful. Indulgences are gifts of grace of God's mercy and can be acquired through pilgrimage, visiting sacred places and works of mercy. When making a pilgrimage or visiting a designated diocesan church of pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year the faithful will be able to obtain a Jubilee Indulgence.*

*All pilgrims who comply with the usual conditions for an indulgence ie. receive the Sacrament of Penance, attend Mass, receive the Most Holy Eucharist and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (all preferably on the same day or otherwise close to the day) will receive a full Jubilee Indulgence upon pilgrimage to any of the churches designated above.*

If you have any questions please contact the parish offices [stmarythecross@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:stmarythecross@mn.catholic.org.au) or [morparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:morparish@mn.catholic.org.au)

May this Holy Year be marked by a hope that does not fade and spreads to all who need it in our world.



Welcome back for another exciting year of Sport at St Paul's. Last year we had over 250 students compete and represent our school community in an array of sports. This year should be bigger and better!

## School Sport

Week 1 of Years 7-10 Sport ran smoothly. Thankyou to all parents who paid monies on time so their child could attend a venue for sport.

Year 7 Sport will continue with Surf Lifesaving/ Swim Survival at First Splashes Toronto and Gymnastics at Glendale Sports Centre/Indoor Sports.

Care Group	Location and Activity
1, 2 and 3	<p><b>Swim and Survive First Splashes Toronto</b> Every Friday beginning 7th Feb to 7th March</p> <p><b>Gymnastics Glendale Sports Centre</b> Every Friday beginning 14th March to 11th April</p>
4, 5 and 6	<p><b>Indoor Sports Centre Warners Bay</b> – Dates attending 7th and 14th February (due to construction at Glendale Gymnastics). Students will engage in futsal, netball and indoor cricket games.</p> <p><b>Gymnastics</b> - Dates attending 21st, 28th February and 7th March</p> <p><b>Swim and Survive</b> - Every Friday beginning 14th March to 11th April</p>

Just a reminder that engaging in sport every Friday is beneficial for one's social, physical and emotional health. There are many sports on offer that cater to most students' interests. Please refrain from making appointments during this time, as ALL attendance matters at St Paul's. We have also had some requests for sports to get up and running for Term 2 – including the following; Squash and Pickleball at Cardiff Atune Health, Surfing at Nobby's/ Newcastle Beach and Pilates reformer. Watch this space!!

Our annual **Swimming Carnival** is approaching on **Monday 24th February** at Lambton Pool. Students will be transported to and from the venue by Port Stephens Coaches. Students are encouraged to come along dressed in their house colours, whether they are competing in races or cheering from the grandstand. It is always a fun and exciting day and one that builds connections within our community and builds school culture. Please ensure appropriate race swimwear is worn – no bikinis please.

**Year 12 Sport Captains** – a nomination form has been emailed to all students in Year 12. Those wishing to apply for this leadership role need to complete the questions; due Monday 17th February by 9am.

## Rep Sport

There are many TRIALS being posted on Compass for upcoming Diocesan and CCC Teams. I have included a calendar of events, or closing dates of most sporting events taking place this term. Please look carefully. All applications are to be completed on the CSNSW Portal. Please see the attached information on how to do this.

Staff/Coaches will also be looking for keen students to join a number of school sporting teams throughout this year. Sometimes selections take place for those sports with a high interest. School sporting teams have an opportunity to compete in gala days, Friday Rep Sport and Knockout Competitions against many local and non-local schools. Sports such as Oztag, Touch Football, Soccer, Bill Turner Cup, Futsal, Netball, Tennis and Basketball. Coaches will request interest through Compass notifications and students will need to put their name down outside the PDHPE Staff door, once the call out has been named.

Many thanks

Mrs Woolley

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR DIOCESAN OR CCC SPORTS**

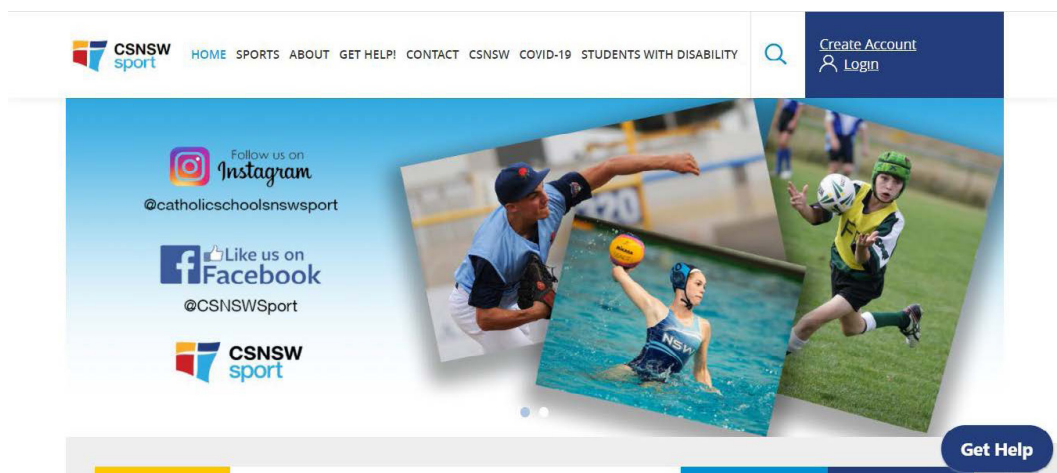
#### **Maitland-Newcastle Diocesan Sport Website**

There is a Diocesan specific website for Sport that has all the dates for Diocesan sport as well as general information about the sports.

The Maitland Newcastle Secondary Tile allows parents to view basic information for secondary pathway sports including Diocesan event information and details, Diocesan results, the diocesan sports calendar and important notices for sports including wet weather information. The sports that are on the Diocesan website include swimming, athletics, x country, netball, league, football, touch, AFL and gala tennis, golf & basketball. All other sports have information on the csnsw.sport website as students apply directly to NSWCCC for these.

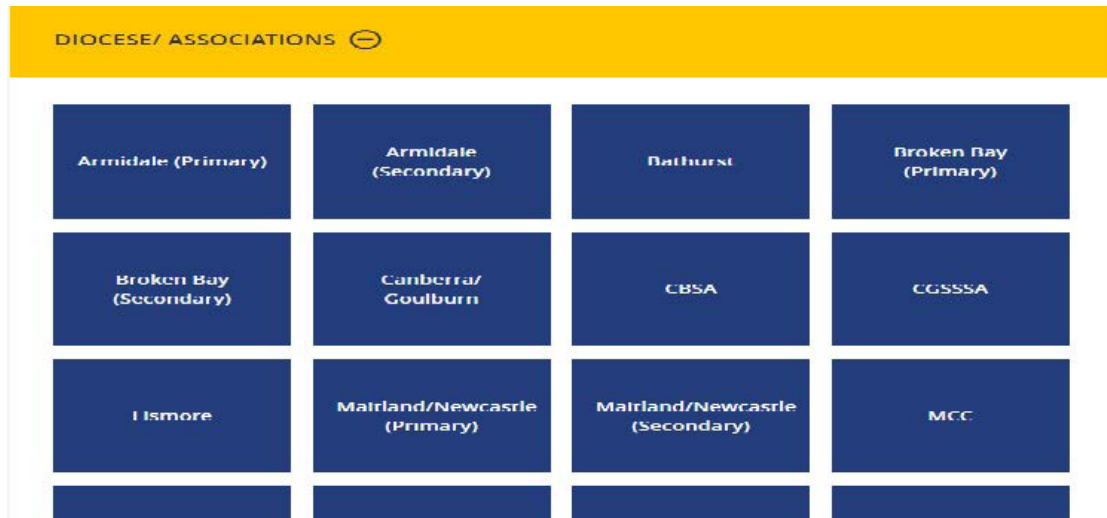
- Any further questions beyond the sport specific information on this website should be directed to your school sport coordinator.
- **No parent should register their child for any sport without seeing the school sport coordinator. Sport Coordinators approve all pathway sports before progressing.**

Step 1. Go to [csnsw.sport](https://csnsw.sport) website



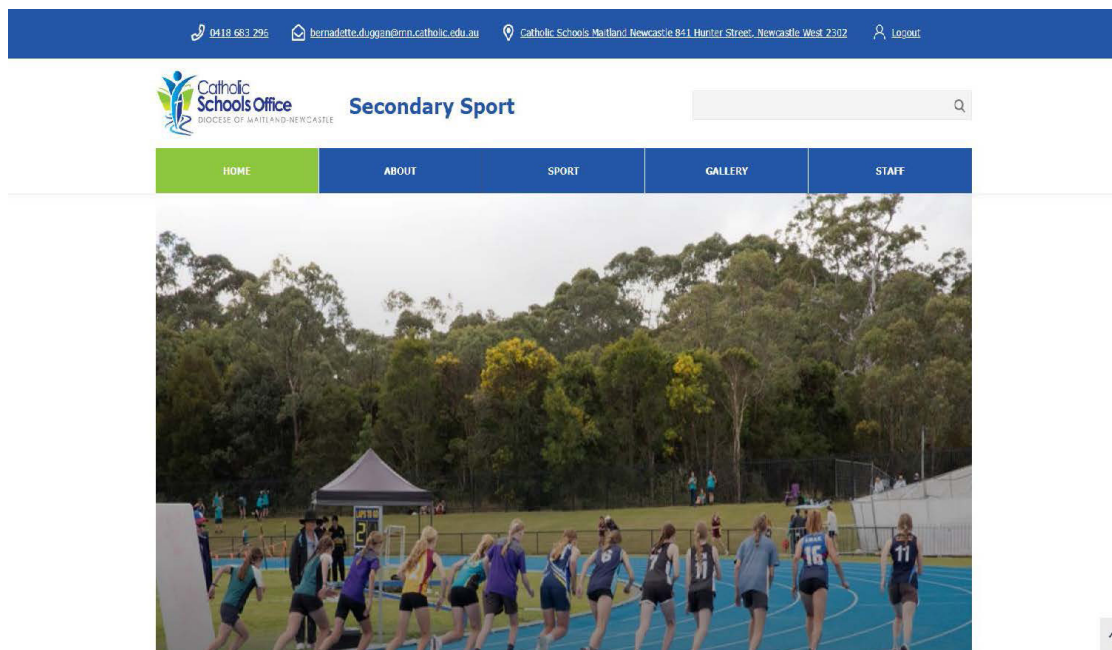
## Step 2. MN Secondary Tile

Scroll down to the Diocesan/Associations section of the home page and select the Maitland Newcastle Secondary Tile



Step 3. You are now on the MN Secondary Sport Website.

<https://csnsw.sport/maitland-newcastle/secondary/home>



Jodie Woolleyll  
Sport's Coordinator



# SPORT DATES

All DIO and CCC Team registrations need to be completed online at <https://csnsw.sport/>

TERM 1  
2025

Feb

14

DIO RUGBY LEAGUE

U/18s Boys and Girls nominations close

CCC VOLLEYBALL

U/15s Boys and Girls nominations close

Feb

21

DIO TOUCH TRIALS

15s and Opens nominations close

CCC GOLF nominations close

CCC TENNIS Nominations close

Feb

24

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Feb

26/27

ALL SCHOOLS TRIATHLON

Individual and Team events

March

05

DIO AFL TRIALS

15s Boys expressions of interest due

March

07

CCC VOLLEYBALL

18s Boys and Girls nominations due

March

11

DIO SWIMMING

CCC BASEBALL Closing date TBC

March

13

CCC RUGBY SELECTIONS

16s Boys & Girls nominations due

March

19/20

DIO SOCCER KNOCKOUT Senior Boys & Girls

March

21

CCC HOCKEY Nominations due

March

26

NORTHERN AFL TRIALS

COCHRANE CUP LEAGUE

March

27

U14s BUCKLEY SHIELD Boys Rugby League

DIO NETBALL TRIALS 15s & Opens entries close

March

28

CCC RUGBY SELECTIONS 18s Boys & Girls nominations due

April

2/3

CCC SWIMMING SOPAC EVENT

CCC DIVING (3rd) TRIALS nominations close TBC

April

2

NORTHERN LEAGUE TRIALS

April

8

SENIOR TOUCH MIXED CHALLENGE

DIO SOCCER Individual registrations close

April

10

U16s SCHOOLGIRL TROPHY

13-a-side Girls Rugby League

Hello! Welcome back. I trust that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I hope it was restful, and you got to do whatever 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 school 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 St Paul's Catholic College Community.

Please feel free to contact me via email at [melissa.dobosz@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:melissa.dobosz@mn.catholic.edu.au) or 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.

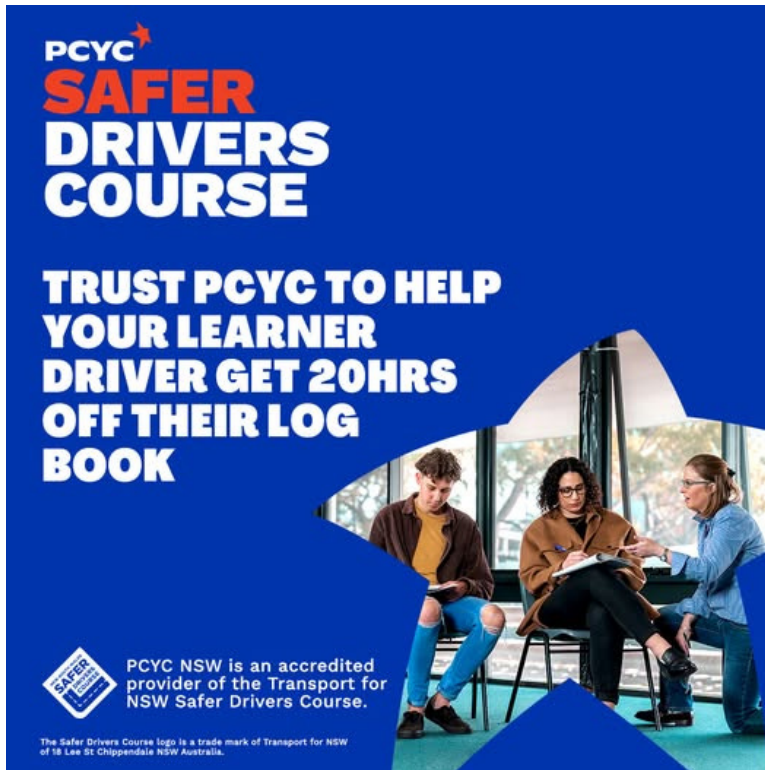
I am here to help and support your child and your family wherever possible.



Mel Dobosz  
Pastoral Care Worker








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For more information or to book check out our website <https://www.pcyedrivereducation.org.au/>  
If you have a valid Pension or Healthcare card in your name, call your local club to find out how you can get the course for fully fee exempt!

# St Paul's Canteen Price List

<b>Hot Food</b>	<b>Price \$</b>	<b>Drinks</b>	<b>Price\$</b>
			
Chicken Burger w/lettuce & mayo	\$3.80	375ml Cans	\$2.50
Pie & Sauce	\$3.80	600ml Soft Drinks	\$3.80
Cheese Bacon Pie & Sauce	\$4.50	390ml Drinks	\$3.00
Sausage Roll & Sauce	\$3.20	250ml pop top Juice	\$2.00
Cheese & Bacon Roll	\$2.00	500ml Juice (large)	\$3.20
Chicken Pattie	\$2.20		
Garlic Bread	\$1.60	300ml Flavoured Milk	\$2.30
Sauce (only)	.40	600ml Flavoured Milk	\$3.30
		600ml Dare Flavoured Milk	\$3.70
<b>White or Grain Sandwiches/Rolls</b>		500ml Iced Tea	\$3.00
Salad	\$3.20	600ml Water	\$1.60
Salad Wrap	\$3.20	<b>Frozen Foods</b>	
Full Chicken Wrap	\$3.50	Ka-Bluey	1.00
		Icy Pole	\$1.80
Packet of Chips	\$2.30	Paddlepop	\$2.20
Cakes	\$2.20	Frozen Yogurt	\$2.50
Muffin, Finger Bun, Lamington			
		Golden Gaytime	\$4.20
		Milo Scoop	\$4.20
Seasonal Fruit	Prices may vary	<b>Winter only</b>	\$4.00
			
		Pasta & Cheese	

## Lunch Orders

<b>Lunch orders taken(and paid) before Care group</b>			
<b>*No lunch orders on Friday's*</b>			
<b>White/Grain Sandwiches/Rolls/Wraps</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Sandwiches (can be toasted/untoasted)</b>	<b>Price</b>
Chicken or Ham	\$3.50	Cheese	\$3.20
Ham or Chicken with Cheese	\$4.10	Ham & Tomato/Cheese	\$4.80
Ham or Chicken with Salad + Cheese	\$4.80	Chicken & Cheese	\$4.20
Egg & Lettuce	\$3.80	Ham & Cheese	\$4.20
Egg	\$3.20	Cheese & Tomato	\$3.60
Chilli Chicken Salad Wrap	\$4.20		
Chilli Chicken Salad Wrap + Cheese	\$4.80		
<b>Salads</b>		<b>Hot Food</b>	
Salad in a bowl (+Cheese 60c)	\$3.30	Chicken Burger with salad & cheese	\$5.00
Meat Salad bowl	\$4.80	Chicken Burger with salad	\$4.40
Meat Salad Cheese Bowl	\$5.40	Veggie Pasties	\$3.50

# order your school photos now

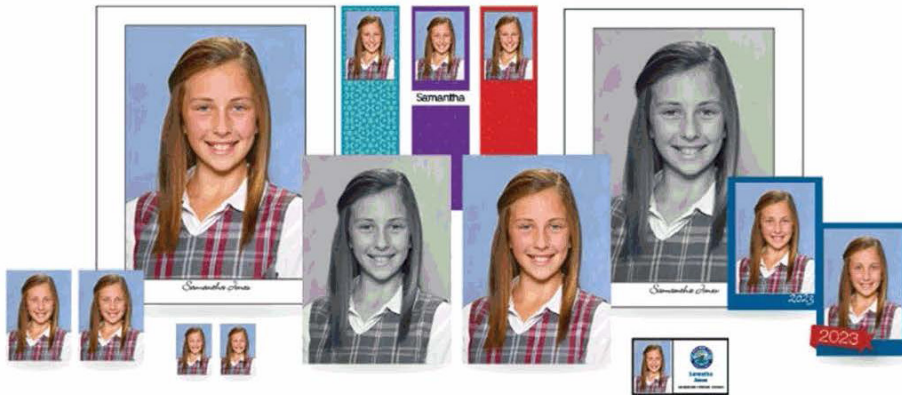
to order visit: [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)

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# 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	<b>56313</b>	Sky Blue Overblouse		\$48.95	\$49.95	
		<b>92268</b>	Snr Ss Overblouse White With Red Piping & Emb		\$44.95	\$47.95	\$47.95
		<b>84257</b>	SS White Shirt With Emb		\$44.95	\$56.95	\$51.95
		<b>84258</b>	SS Sky Blue Shirt With Emb		\$47.95	\$59.95	\$52.95
		<b>78143</b>	Ladies Ink Navy Tailored Shorts		\$39.95	\$41.95	
		<b>78144</b>	Ladies Charcoal Tailored Shorts		\$39.95	\$41.95	
		<b>91876</b>	Blue/Grey Check Skirt		\$63.95	\$66.95	
		<b>91881</b>	Navy Skirt-Senior		\$84.95	\$88.95	
		<b>95047</b>	Mid Grey PQS Shorts		\$54.95	\$56.95	
<b>Winter</b>	All	<b>97030</b>	Mid Grey PQS Trousers		\$67.95	\$70.95	
		<b>97032</b>	Navy College Trousers		\$67.95	\$70.95	
		<b>96579</b>	Navy Pullover With Emb		\$81.95	\$98.95	\$85.95
		<b>86260</b>	Navy Jackie Tights		\$8.95	\$9.95	
<b>All Season</b>	All	<b>97906</b>	White Sports Socks		\$5.95	\$6.95	
		<b>97975</b>	White Trafalgar Crew Socks		\$5.95	\$6.95	
		<b>99011</b>	Black Leather Belt		\$22.95	\$23.95	
<b>Sports</b>							
<b>Summer</b>	All	<b>85062</b>	Sky Polo Top		\$47.95	\$50.95	\$50.95
		<b>79003</b>	Navy Shorts		\$45.95	\$47.95	\$47.95
		<b>96326</b>	Navy Shorts		\$45.95	\$47.95	
<b>Winter</b>	All	<b>57493</b>	Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Jacket		\$69.95	\$72.95	
		<b>57494</b>	Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Pants		\$52.95	\$54.95	
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<b>(blank)</b>	(blai	<b>79221</b>	Ladies Ink Navy Tailored Pants		\$50.95	\$52.95	
		<b>79337</b>	Navy/Red/Sky Tie With Emb		\$27.95		
		<b>95051</b>	Navy Deluxe College Shorts		\$49.95	\$51.95	
		<b>99877</b>	Navy Softshell Jacket With Emb		\$94.95	\$96.95	

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. 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  
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# Contact Us



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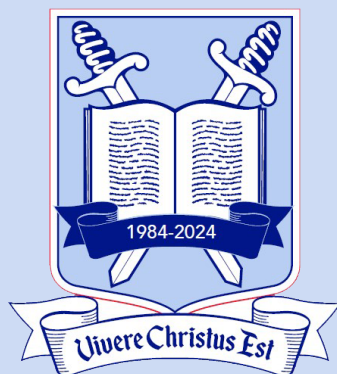
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Switch/Reception  
Hours: 8.30am until 3.30pm

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

**19th-21st:** Year 12 Retreat  
**24th Feb:** Swimming Carnival  
**12th March:** School Photos  
**12th March:** Open Evening  
**7th April:** Yr 7 2026 Info Evening