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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."

Year 7 2027

During Week 6 we welcomed the 2027 Year 7 students to St Paul's for their first Orientation Day. This will be followed by a Parent Information Evening on Monday 31st August. The Year 6 students were assisted by a small group of Year 9 and 10 students throughout the day's activities, and we thank our senior students for your care and support of the Year 6 students throughout the day.

As we welcome our 2027 Year 7's we remember the gospel story that Paul shared when he wrote to the Corinthians:

"Christ is like a single body. Which has many parts: it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts." (1 Corinthians 12)

During this orientation phase of our incoming Year 7's we are also mindful of the final weeks for our current Year 12 group who have completed their Trial HSC exams. The Year 12's will now have a couple of busy months ahead as they complete their final preparations for the HSC which will begin in October. We wish our Year 12's every success as they move into this final chapter of their school life.

2027 College Leadership

Interviews will be conducted on Thursday 3rd September to determine the 2027 College Student Leadership team. Students delivered their leadership speeches to the school community in Week 5 and are to be congratulated on their obvious passion and commitment for the school and the honour and pride they would have if they were successful in being elected into this position. An announcement will be made to the college community on Friday 4th September regarding the 2027 College Leaders.

Student Success

Congratulations to:

- Alisha Jinu(10) who has been successful in progressing to the next round of the Rotary Public Speaking Competition.
- Caine Platt (8) who was named Athlete of the Year by the Hunter Academy of Sport in Triathlon
- Kirk Gilbert (9) for being named Rising Star in Baseball by the Hunter Academy of Sport

Attendance

Information has been sent to parents, carers and families around student attendance. A Compass notification was sent outlining the importance of attendance at school and the aim to have all students reach a 90% or greater attendance rate. It is understood that at times, ongoing illness and family circumstances make it difficult for students to attend school however, it is important to note that attendance is the strongest factor in students attaining academic success.

Key Dates

Week 7 – Book Week Activities

Tuesday 1st September – Year 7 Zoo Excursion
Wednesday 2nd September – Book week dress up
Thursday 3rd September – 2027 Student College Leadership Interviews
Monday 7th September – Year 11 End of Course Exams begin
Tuesday 8th September – FACE Meeting – online 6.00pm - A link to register will be sent to families.
Wednesday 9th September – Year 9 PASS Excursion
Friday 11th September – Year 10 Japanese Cultural Experience Excursion
Monday 14th September – HSC Music Soiree – 6pm
Thursday 17th September – Year 11 Ski Trip

Family Matters Website

https://familymatters.mn.catholic.edu.au/

The link above has been created to support parents/carers with resources and strategies to assist them in navigating many areas related to their child's development and wellbeing. The site offers resources, access to webinars by renowned child psychologists and articles and advice covering many different topics. The website is worth a look.



Anne-Maree Shipman
Acting Principal

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT REMINDER

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 is a designated kiss and drop zone out the front of the school gates. 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.

Electives (Year 9, 2027)

Congratulations to our Year 8 students for their engagement in the elective selection process. The Course Elective Process provides a unique opportunity for St Paul's students to begin to take more control over their own learning through choice making, thus promoting academic achievement and individual growth. We are in the final stages of working through the elective preferences of students and I thank you for your patience as we complete this. Once finalised, elective allocations will be sent to students.

Year 11 Exams

Year 11 students will complete their yearly examinations in Weeks 8 & 9 (Monday September 7-Thursday September 17). The examination timetable has been sent to students and parents/carers via Compass. The procedures and rules outlined in the Year 11 Assessment Guidelines apply to the examinations. During the examination period students are to remain at school during exams (if they have two exams to complete in one day) and can complete independent study in the library. If students only have one examination scheduled on a given day they only have to attend school for that examination. School uniform is to be worn during examinations. Friday afternoon study periods are a valuable opportunity for students to seek guidance, study with their peers or do independent preparation for the exams. I encourage students to use this time wisely.

HSC Workshops

There will be two Catholic Schools HSC study days run in the holidays to support Year 12 students prepare for their HSC exams. The focus subjects will be: English Advanced, English Standard, Studies of Religion 1 & 2, Mathematics Advanced & Mathematics Standard. Workshops will be held at: St Clare's Catholic College, Taree (Monday Sept 28) and St Bede's Catholic College, Chisholm (Tuesday 29 September). Students will be sent more information regarding these workshops with a QR code to register.



Emma Tierney
Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning

Career News

It has been a very busy few weeks in Careers, with students taking part in a range of opportunities including work experience placements, TAFE visits, industry immersions and finalising university and EVET applications.

Pictured is Year 10 student Maddie Roberts, who recently completed a week of work experience with Elle Jayne Realty. Maddie received wonderful feedback from the Elle Jayne team, who described her as a “superstar” and a joy to have in the office. Well done, Maddie!

A reminder to our **Year 12 students** to ensure all direct-to-institution university applications are submitted by the relevant closing dates. UAC applications should also be submitted by **3 September** to ensure students are eligible for an SRS ranking.

For any Careers-related questions, opportunities or support, please see Mrs Burns.





Nicole Burns
English Faculty

4-Way Test Speaking Competition

Congratulations to Alisha Jinu from our Year 10 cohort for making it through to the next round of The 4-Way Test Speaking Competition.

By participating, students can hone their public speaking skills, boost their confidence, and embrace the core values of Rotary. Alisha was one of two winners on the night, where she showcased her incredible skills in public speaking by interrogating gender stereotypes that limit the opportunities of young female and male students.

She was also required to deliver an impromptu speech about the impact of social media on shaping youth of today. Alisha was only given two minutes to prepare for the latter speech and demonstrated her natural ability to craft a logical and confident argument in real time.

We are so proud of her achievement and look forward to the next round of the competition.





Virtual Academy News



St Paul's would like to congratulate Year 7 student, Finn McElhone who has been selected to join the Virtual Academy.

Finn has demonstrated outstanding achievement across a range of learning areas and has been welcomed into the Semester 2 intake. Since commencing the program, he has been developing his skills in online learning, navigating new digital platforms, and collaborating with like-minded peers from across the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese, including students from schools as far north as Taree.

He has embraced this opportunity with enthusiasm and maturity, quickly adapting to the expectations of the program. He has represented St Paul's with dedication, diligence, and a commitment to excellence.

We congratulate Finn on this achievement and wish him every success as he embarks on this enriching learning pathway designed to support our High Potential and Gifted learners.

Carol Paterson
Project Officer - Gifted Education Mentor

From the Counsellors

Helping children navigate life's inevitable challenges is an important part of building confidence, independence, and resilience. From learning to cope with failure and rejection to handling conflict with others, these experiences give kids valuable opportunities to develop lifelong emotional and problem-solving skills. Explore the following resources for practical guidance on supporting children through difficult moments while encouraging them to learn, grow, and bounce back.

How to Help Kids Learn to Fail: Only Through Trial and Error Can Children Become Resilient Adults

How to Help Kids Deal With Rejection: Don't Minimize feelings. Do Encourage Resiliency

Teaching Kids How to Deal With Conflict: Tips for Building Lifelong Skills

Screen Time, Cybersafety and AI: Supporting Our Teens in a Digital World

Technology plays a significant role in the lives of our young people. It supports learning, creativity, communication and entertainment, while also presenting new challenges for families. As parents and carers, helping teenagers develop healthy habits online is an important part of supporting their wellbeing and success.

Finding Balance with Screen Time

For adolescents, technology is an essential part of daily life. While screens provide valuable educational and social opportunities, maintaining a healthy balance remains important. Excessive recreational screen use can impact sleep, physical activity, concentration and overall wellbeing.

Families can support healthy habits by:

- Encouraging device-free times, particularly during meals and before bedtime.
- Promoting physical activity, hobbies and face-to-face social connections.
- Keeping phones and devices outside bedrooms overnight where possible.
- Modelling balanced technology use at home.

Staying Safe Online

Regular conversations about online safety help young people make informed decisions and navigate challenges confidently. Important topics include:

- Protecting personal information and privacy.
- Using strong passwords and secure accounts.
- Respectful online behaviour and digital citizenship.
- Recognising scams, misinformation and inappropriate content.
- Seeking support from a trusted adult when something online feels unsafe.

A simple reminder for students is: **Stop, Block and Tell.** If something doesn't feel right online, stop engaging, block the person or content, and tell a trusted adult.

Understanding AI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming increasingly common in education and everyday life. AI tools can help generate ideas, answer questions and support learning. However, students should remember that AI can make mistakes, information should be verified using reliable sources, and AI should support learning rather than replace independent thinking and effort.

Resources for Families

The Australian eSafety Commissioner provides excellent resources for parents, carers and young people on topics including cyberbullying, social media, online gaming, privacy and digital wellbeing. Families can also access free parent webinars designed to build confidence in supporting safe online experiences. Visit www.esafety.gov.au for resources and information.

By staying engaged in our teenagers' digital lives and maintaining open conversations, we can help them become safe, respectful and responsible digital citizens who use technology confidently and positively.

Term 3, 2026

eSafety parents and carers webinars

Join eSafety's free live webinars for parents and carers.

Term 3 topics:

- **The changing face of cyberbullying: protecting your child in 2026.** Suitable for parents and carers of children in primary and secondary school.
- **Navigating screen time: tools for today's families.** Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and lower secondary school.
- **How the need for connection and belonging shapes your child's vulnerability online.** Suitable for parents and carers of young people in upper primary and secondary school.
- **AI-generated images and videos: navigating the deepfake threat.** Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.



For more information and to register now: eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars

eSafetyCommissioner | eSafety.gov.au

Term 4, 2026

eSafety parents and carers webinars

Join eSafety's free live webinars for parents and carers.

Term 4 topics:

- **Navigating screen time: tools for today's families (45 minutes).** Suitable for parents and carers of children in primary and lower secondary school.
- **How connection and belonging shapes children and young people's vulnerability online (45 minutes).** Suitable for parents and carers of children in primary and secondary school.
- **Understanding and using parental controls to help protect your child online (45 minutes).** Suitable for parents and carers of children in primary and secondary school.



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Term 4, 2026

eSafety parents and carers webinars

Join eSafety's free live webinars for parents and carers.

Term 4 topics:

- **Supporting healthy tech use as your child transitions into secondary school (45 minutes).** Suitable for parents and carers of children in upper primary school (ages 11 to 12) and Year 7.
- **How AI is influencing new online risks for children and young people (45 minutes).** Suitable for parents and carers of children in primary and secondary school.



For more information and to register now: eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars

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Important Security Update for Student BYOD Devices - Windows 10

To stay protected and ensure optimal performance, it is strongly recommended that all students with BYOD Windows 10 devices follow Microsoft's instructions and upgrade to Windows 11 as soon as possible.

Windows 10 is no longer supported by Microsoft. Why does this matter?

- **2026 HSC readiness:** The 2026 HSC browser will not work on Windows 10 devices.
- **2027 NAPLAN readiness:** The NAPLAN Locked Down Browser in 2027 may not work on Windows 10 devices.
- **Increased security risk:** Microsoft stopped supporting Windows 10 on 14 October 2025, which means there will be no ongoing security updates or bug fixes. Devices become more vulnerable to malware, ransomware, and data breaches.
- **Hardware compatibility issues:** New peripherals (e.g., printers, keyboards, monitors, webcams) may not function correctly.
- **Applications** such as web browsers and learning tools will progressively stop working on Windows 10.

To avoid disruption, devices need to upgrade to Windows 11 or be replaced before the start of the 2027 school year, or before the HSC if relevant.

What to do

How do I check what version of Windows I am running?

Select **Start > Settings > System**, then select **About**. You then see **Edition, Version**, and OS Build information.

If you aren't on Windows 10 there is nothing further needed.

If you are on Windows 10 follow the steps below:

Option 1 – Upgrade to Windows 11

If the device meets the system requirements, families should upgrade immediately to Windows 11 using Microsoft's upgrade option:

- Ways to install Windows 11 – Microsoft Support
- Upgrade to Windows 11: FAQ – Microsoft Support

Option 2 – Replace the device

It's recommended to use your school's BYOD portal provider or the CS preferred provider to purchase a device that is compatible with CDMN device requirements.

Alternatively, you can purchase from an independent retailer. However, it's important that you review the Catholic Schools of Maitland Newcastle BYOD minimum specifications to inform your purchase, as devices that connect to the school's networks must meet these requirements.



AUDITIONS 2027

Registrations for the Aspire 2027 auditions are now open for current and new students from Years 4 and up. The auditions will be held at the Warners Bay Theatre, Lake St, Warners Bay (Drama, Dance, Vocal ONLY) or Diocesan Resource Centre - Corner of Tudor Street and Parry Street, Newcastle West (Instrumental ONLY).

Registrations for auditions close on Friday, 25 September 2026. Once our ASPIRE Administration receives the registration, applicants will receive all relevant audition information during the first week of the school holidays. This will include the audition allocated dates and times.

DRAMA Ensemble Audition

Monday 26 October 2026 & Tuesday 27 October 2026 — **Location: Warners Bay Theatre, Lake St, Warners Bay**

The drama auditions consist of a half-hour workshop featuring a series of drama exercises in movement, voice, character work, and devising (creating short scenes). Students will also be required to prepare a short one-minute monologue. A list of topics for Junior applicants will be on the ASPIRE website at the end of Term 3, whilst Senior applicants will be required to source a monologue of their choice.

DANCE Ensemble Audition

Wednesday 28 October 2026 — **Location: Warners Bay Theatre, Lake St, Warners Bay**

The audition is entirely workshop-based. Students will be taken through some skills-based exercises before learning some new choreography. They may have an opportunity to add their own choreography, so it's a good idea to have some ideas ready about what they might like to do.

INSTRUMENTAL Ensemble Audition

Wednesday 28 October 2026 — **Location: Diocesan Resource Centre, Cnr Tudor Street and Parry Street, Newcastle West**

All instrumental auditions are 10 minutes. Students are required to prepare a short piece that they feel shows their ability. After performing the piece for the panel, students will either be given some music to sight-read or asked to improvise a melody/rhythm whilst accompanied by another instrument.

VOCAL Ensemble Audition

Thursday 29 October 2026 — **Location: Warners Bay Theatre, Lake St, Warners Bay**

For the one-hour vocal audition, students will be placed in a group of up to 20 students of similar age. The first part of the audition will comprise of learning a new song as a group and some simple movement to go with it. This allows the panel to see how well students pick up new music, lyrics and movement and place them together. In the second half of the audition, students will be required to sing the first verse and chorus from the audition song list. The list of songs will be available on the ASPIRE website at the end of Term 3. A link will be provided to each applicant, including song selections and backing tracks for practising.

1. Follow the link or scan the QR code: Aspire Production 2027 Auditions
2. Fill in the form to apply

If you require further information, please contact ASPIRE phone 02 4979-1331 or email: anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au

Positions are given in order of registration. Scholarship places are available for students in genuine need of financial assistance. Please contact ASPIRE for information.
*Please note: Audition applications must be completed by parents/carers of students enrolled/enrolling in a Catholic School of the Diocese of Maitland Newcastle 2026/2027.

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To find out more about ASPIRE Catholic Schools, visit mn.catholic.edu.au/aspire

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WOW GALLERY 2026



SUBMISSIONS OPEN

WOW GALLERY AT LAKE MACQUARIE MULTI-ARTS PAVILION (MAP MIMA)

4-5 NOVEMBER 2026

HOW TO ENTER

You can create as many artworks as you like, just remember all artworks must be submitted digitally and as individual images of each work.

WHO: All students across the Diocese

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE: 25th September 2026

DATE OF EXHIBITION: 4 – 5th November: 9am-6pm

SUBMIT NOW USE THE QR CODE OR FOLLOW THE LINK

mn.shor.tn/WOWGallery

ABOUT SUBMISSIONS

Your submission should be your own personal interpretation of THE WOW FACTOR. WHY DO SOME PAINTINGS MAKE US STOP AND SAY 'WOW!'

This exhibition is all about making art that creates the WOW FACTOR. Artists are invited to be brave, playful, and free. Try new things. Take risks. Follow your ideas, your feelings, and your imagination. Don't worry about being perfect, make art that comes from your heart.

Your artwork can be created in any medium, it's completely up to you! You will just photograph or film your artwork and submit via the form. Accepted file formats: JPEG, PNG, MP4. Please ensure the artwork is of high resolution for optimal display.

Click here mn.shor.tn/WOWHowToSubmit to see how to submit.

EXHIBITION TICKETS ON SALE AUG 10

USE THE QR CODE OR FOLLOW THE LINK HERE BELOW

mn.shor.tn/WOWStudents

Exhibition will be open to schools in 30-minute sessions from 9:30am till 2:30pm. There will be an artmaking activity as part of the exhibition. The exhibition will then be open to the public from 3pm till 6pm.

We can't wait to see what makes you go WOW!

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2026 HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

School Holiday Workshops for Dance, Drama, and Vocal students who are in Years 4 to Year 7.

Creating a character - Monday 28th September 2026
Location: Catholic Schools (Toohey Room) - 841 Hunter St Newcastle West
Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm
Cost: $90

Bring all of your craziest character ideas along as you create original characters to use in a short workshop-style performance in the afternoon. Think about physicality and movement as well as how different characters speak and deliver their lines in this fun workshop that develops skills in a safe, supportive environment

Singing Sensations - Tuesday 29th September 2026
Location: Catholic Schools (Toohey Room) - 841 Hunter St Newcastle West
Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm
Cost: $90

Develop your skills as both an ensemble vocalist and a soloist as you come together with like-minded young singers to learn about using your voice to its fullest potential. Students will explore singing as a group whilst also getting the chance to think about solo performance and build confidence in their voice.

Storytelling Steps - Wednesday 30th September 2026
Location: Catholic Schools (Toohey Room) - 841 Hunter St Newcastle West
Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm
Cost: $90

Calling all dancers who love to create their own performances. This workshop explores how we tell stories through movement and can use our dance skills to convey character and situations. This fun workshop will encourage students to choreograph their own movement pieces using story as the inspiration.

Students can register by clicking here or following the QR code ⟶ bit.ly/AspireHolidayWorkshops2026

If you require further information, please contact Anne Atkins phone 02 4979-1331 or email: anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au

Positions are given in order of registration. Scholarship places are available for students in genuine need of financial assistance. Please contact Anne Atkins for information.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the most up to date photos and information.



SENIOR THEATRE MAKERS

Please refer to the ASPIRE website for all ASPIRE information, forms, updates, and photos

mn.catholic.edu.au/aspire

Aspire's Senior Theatre Makers program is for students in Years 9-12. This initiative is all about the devising process. Working as a company of theatre makers, the group will create an original performance piece that will be shared at the end of the process at the Playhouse, Civic Theatre in Newcastle. As part of the program, participants will be encouraged to collaborate around a given theme and be involved in creating the plot and characters. They will also develop their acting skills and be challenged to keep experimenting with their voice and physicality. It's perfect for anyone who loves theatre and wants to learn more with like- minded peers.

The group will be led by Aspire's Artistic Director, Anna Kerrigan and Aspire Intern, Charlotte Wilkie.

Senior Theatre Makers rehearsals will take place from 4.30 pm – 6.30 pm at Catholic Schools, Newcastle.

Course Cost: $250 (scholarships are available for those in financial need)

Please contact Anne Atkins, ASPIRE Administrative Assistant, if you have any enquires.

2026 STM WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Reserve your place by following the link or scanning the QR code:
Click the link for registration
Applications close Fri 11 September 2026

THE SCHEDULE IS:

TERM 4

TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2026
TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2026
TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2026
TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2026
TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2026
TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2026
TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2026
TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2026

WEEKENDREHEARSAL
10.00 am – 4.00 pm
Saturday 21 November 2026

BUMP IN AND REHEARSAL
10.00 am – 4.00 pm
Wednesday 2 December 2026

PERFORMANCE DAY
10.00am – 8.00 pm
Thursday 3 December 2065
(Performance at 6.00 pm)

Course Cost: $250 (scholarships are available for those in financial need).

Please contact Anne Atkins, ASPIRE Administrative Assistant, if you have any enquires:
anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au or by phone (02) 4979 1331

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World Youth Day 2027

Attention Students of Year 10 2026, Parents and Carers:

Students who are interested in attending this pilgrimage are asked to attend an information session on 8th September. For more information and to register your interest please visit:

https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/world-youth-day-2027-launch/

To make attending this event financially accessible, a shared funding model is implemented. The Maitland-Newcastle Diocese, and our school will pay a portion of the cost of pilgrimage, with the remaining balance of the pilgrimage costs being the responsibility of the attending student and their family.





5pm Saturday, 26th September 2026 – Form

St Paul's Catholic College Booragul
2027 Year 7 Transition Timeline

Term	Date	Details
1	11th March 2026 30th March 2026	➢ Open Evening Tours – 4.00-6.00pm. Sign in and begin tours in College Hall Open Evening - St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul ➢ Year 7 2027 Information Evening – College Hall https://booragul.catholic.edu.au/news/open-evening/
	From 23rd February 2026 (Term 1 Week 5-10)	➢ **Enrolments Open** - All enrolment Applications to be submitted online via the link below: ➢ https://booragul.catholic.edu.au/enrol/enrol-online-now/
2	27th April 2026	➢ Non-Feeder Student Interviews Commence
	22nd May 2026	➢ Round 1 Applications Close https://booragul.catholic.edu.au/enrol/enrol-online-now/
	12th June 2026	➢ Round 1 Offers sent - Advice sent to Families outlining the status of their application.
	26th June 2026	➢ Round 1 Acceptance Deadline - Families need to advise St Paul's of their Intention to accept their offer at St Paul's and pay the Enrolment Fee.
	23rd May 2026	➢ Round 2 Applications Open
	27th June 2026 – 18th December 2026	➢ Round 2 Offers made on a rolling basis
3	26th August 2026	➢ Year 7 2026 Orientation Day 1 at St Paul's
	31st August 2026	➢ Parent / Carer and Student Transition Information Meeting at 6.00pm in the College Hall.
4	1st December 2026	➢ Year 7 2026 Orientation Day 2 at St Paul's

During Terms 3 and 4 Mrs Yates (Learning Support Coordinator), will arrange with individual families the additional transition support for those students with Learning Support needs.

WE ASKED.
THEY TOLD US.

In term 1 of 2026, almost 500 students shared what it's really like to grow up online today. Here's what we learned...



This is where young people live, learn, and connect.

Despite restrictions and bans, students are still deeply engaged online—across apps, games, and AI tools.

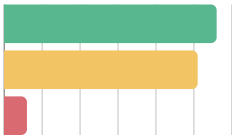
What they ♥ about being online.

For most students, being online isn't about school—it's about connection, fun, and belonging.

56% mention fun, entertainment, or gaming

51% mention connecting with friends

6% mention using the internet for learning



What they HATE about being online.

The same spaces they love... are also where they experience harm.

(~1 in 10) Strangers, scams & safety concerns

(~1 in 10) – Screen time & lack of control

(~1 in 13) – Inappropriate or unsafe content



25% mention bullying or mean behaviour.



13% mention Ads, spam & annoying content.



Where they spend their time

Even in a restricted environment, students are still highly active across games, video platforms, and AI tools.

Platform	Primary	High School
Roblox	33.6%	3.8%
AI	22.3%	42.5%
TikTok	7.4%	26.3%
Snapchat	5.4%	20%
Instagram	2.4%	18.8%

What students WANT from adults

Students are not rejecting adults —they want better support.

2 in 5 students...



...are asking for stronger supervision and clearer boundaries from parents.

Support that feels informed, not controlling

If you'd like to bring a ySafe expert into your school to have these conversations, get in touch.

ysafe.com/contact



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Teacher Education Scholarships

FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Up to 10 scholarships available **for current Year 12 students in our Catholic schools who intend to commence undergraduate courses in teacher training in 2027.**

What's the offer for recipients?

- A total benefit of $10,000 per recipient, paid in five lump sum payments over the four years of study.
- 4th year internship and out-of-area placement 3rd year practicum in a targeted diocesan school that will offer a placement of excellence.
- A casual contract as a Learning Support Assistant or Pastoral Care Worker whilst studying.
- A position or pathway to permanency on completion of study in one of our schools.
- The program is coordinated and monitored by a dedicated education officer.
- Opportunity to complete the Faith Story Witness Course and other formation courses over the 4 years.
- Opportunity to complete valuable Professional Learning including Leadership skills.

How to apply

1. **Ask your Careers Adviser for an application form.**
2. **Return the completed form to Catholic Schools by Friday 25 September 2026.**
3. **Submit your ATAR and HSC results to Catholic Schools before Friday 18 December 2026.**
4. **Attend an interview in early 2027. HSC results & ATAR will be taken into consideration.**

'Teaching is a beautiful job as it allows you to see the growth day by day of people entrusted to your care.'

POPE FRANCIS



For more information, please contact

Narelle Cross (Education Officer)
02 4979 1233 or
narelle.cross@mn.catholic.edu.au

tennis

Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission

READY 2 RALLY

Come and try Tennis Australia's fun, social tennis program for teenage girls. Play at your own pace and with your friends. No matter your skill level or previous playing experience – come and enjoy time together on the court!

Dates/times: **Program #1: Wed 14th October (6xweeks), 4-5pm**
Program #2: Sat 17th October (6xweeks), 10-11am

Location: **Teralba Tennis Club, 4A York St, Teralba 2284**

Cost: FREE

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Fun and engaging games and activities
- A supportive, encouraging and judgement-free environment
- A flexible program that matches your interests and ability level
- Music and snacks at every session

Sign up now!

Contact: Emma Pollock
E: commoncourttennis@gmail.com
M: 0418 450 829

TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER TODAY!



SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR GIRLS AGED 12-18 YRS

SOUTH CAMP 2026

RYPEN

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

A long weekend of team building, connection, and leadership.

Rotary District 9660

3rd - 5th Oct 2026

TGABC Tea Gardens









- Step outside your ***comfort zone***
- Build confidence & ***teambuilding*** skills
- ***Strengthen*** connections and friendships
- Learn new skills with ***hands-on*** activities
- Discover your ***leadership potential***
- Build confidence, resilience & ***problem-solving*** skills

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!
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https://support.rotary9660.org.au/rypen

CREATE LASTING IMPACT



FREE EmergencyRedi™ Workshop

Working together to prepare for disasters

You are invited to this FREE EmergencyRedi workshop delivered by the Australian Red Cross.

This workshop provides you with an introduction to emergency preparedness, it will help you start your own emergency RediPlan and gives you the information and tools to continue preparing yourself, and those you care about. Supported by NRMA Insurance, A Help Company, this workshop will also help you learn about your local risks.

Date: Monday 14 September
Time: 1.00pm - 2.30pm
Venue: Club Charlestown
5 Lincoln St, Charlestown NSW
Contact: Milo - 0417 979 378
Project Officer

To book your spot, or to contact us, scan here:

For more information visit:
redcross.org.au/emergencies

Australian Red Cross

NRMA INSURANCE

For further Compass information please click the link below: https://www.compass.education/guide



WELCOME TO COMPASS

A guide for parents & families

Canteen News

Flexischools

Our school is online with Flexischools

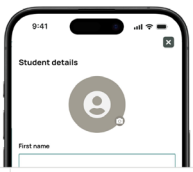
Scan the QR code to download the app

Step 1

Register with Flexischools

1. Download the Flexischools app and click **"Sign Up."**
2. Enter your email to **create an account.**
3. Go to your inbox and click the link to **verify your email.**
4. Follow the prompts to complete your registration.





Step 2

Enter your child's details

1. In the navigation bar, add your student(s) under **"Profile" > "Students" > "Add new."**
2. **Add your child's details** to the new student profile.

Step 3

Place an order

1. On the home page, click the **"Order food" button.**
2. **Select the student** you would like to order for. Choose a **service** and **order date.**
3. **Select the items you would like to order.**
4. Click **"View order"** and select **"Checkout and pay"** to **place your order.**



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Need more help? Flexischools' customer support team is available **Monday - Friday 7AM – 4PM AEST on 1300 361 769.** www.**flexischools**.com.au

Exciting news at St Paul's Booragul Canteen

We're thrilled to announce the launch of Flexischools - our new canteen ordering app!

Wave goodbye to manic mornings and enjoy the convenience of cashless lunch orders - all from the palm of your hand.

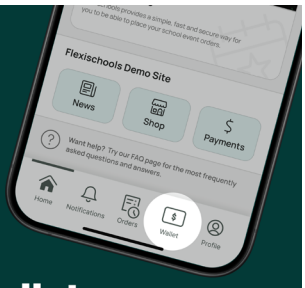
Simply download the app or register online here www.flexischools.com.au/parents (or scan the QR code in this post) .

Ordering delicious and nutritious meals for your child has never been easier.

Don't forget the cut-off time for orders is 9.00AM, so be sure to take advantage of ordering in advance to ensure your child gets their favourite meal!

Let's make school lunches less stressful and embrace this change together.

Flexischools



How to top up your Flexischools wallet

1. Open up **"Wallet"** in the navigation bar.
2. Select **"Top-Up."**
3. Enter the desired top-up amount.
4. Choose your preferred **payment method.**
5. Press **"Top Up"** to confirm.

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

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College Fees

2026 School Fee Information

School fees comprise of Resource, Tuition, Diocesan Family School Building Levy (DFSBL)

Year 7-10 $5,387
Year 11 & 12 $6,502

Family discount on full rate diocesan tuition fees only, 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

Elective Fees Year 9-12 (additional fees depending on subjects selected)

Year 9 & 10 Price ranging from $150-$300
Year 11 & 12 Price ranging from $150-$450

Retreats/ Camps

Year 7 & 12 $500
Year 10 $400

The Year 7 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 Joint Debtor

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. 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

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

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**

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**
- **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.**

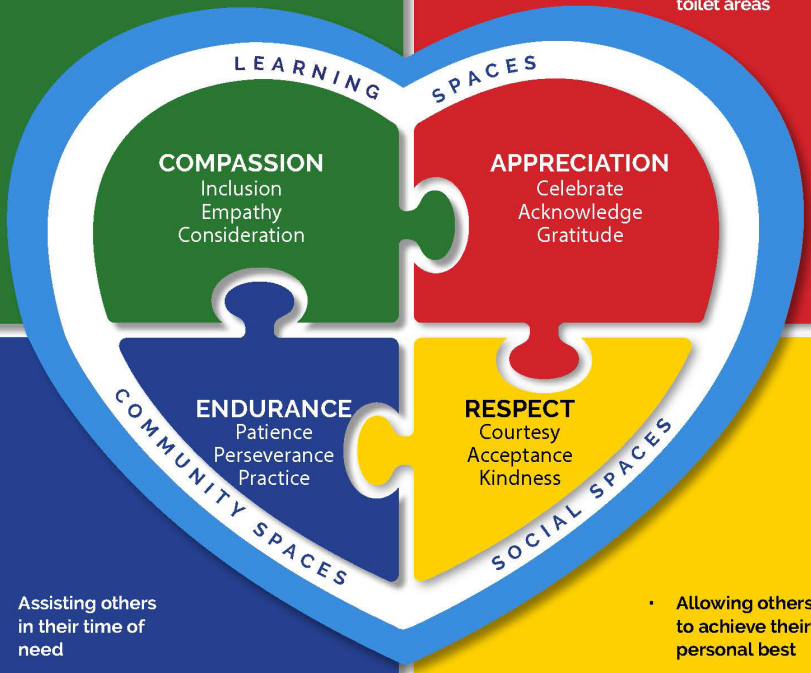
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Booragul

CARE Program

We Build Connections and Create Futures through:



- Embracing and accepting diversity
- Allowing others to do their best
- Being welcoming, patient and kind
- Including others in our conversations and activities
- Seeking assistance for ourselves and others
- Respecting the dignity of all
- Showing consideration for all when on transport and at external venues
- Offering support and care, to others
- Being generous and kind to others

- Recognising and celebrating the talents and gifts of all
- Working together and valuing all learning opportunities
- Acknowledging our teachers' efforts to help us to learn
- Appreciating and caring for our school environment e. g. playground, toilet areas
- Attending and participating in community activities
- Participating in the spiritual life of the College
- Being proud of our work
- Being polite and saying please and thankyou

- Being patient when striving for our personal best
- Seeking support when we need help
- Accepting mistakes as a learning opportunity
- Developing healthy friendships
- Assisting others in their time of need
- Developing a connection and belonging to school
- Persevering when engaging in difficult tasks
- Being courageous when trying new skills and activities
- Practising new skills that are difficult

- Being organised, prepared and ready to learn
- Listening to and being guided by teacher instruction and direction
- Allowing others to achieve their personal best
- Interacting safely and responsibly during our breaks
- Speaking kindly of others
- Using respectful language
- Showing school pride by wearing our uniform correctly
- Being proud of our engagement in extra curricular activities

College Uniform

St Paul's uniforms are available at Lowes at Stockland Glendale and at Verdun Hiles Toronto.

The College also has a second hand Clothing Pool where some items are available for purchase.

For further information about the College uniform see link below:
https://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/about-us/school-life/uniform/

LOWES Glendale

For pricing information, please see the LOWES Glendale uniform pricing at the link below.

https://www.lowes.com.au/schools-online/st-paul-s-catholic-college-booragul?p=2

Verdun Hiles

PH: (02) 4959 1258

Located at
88 The Boulevarde,
Toronto NSW 2283

Verdun Hiles currently has a range of uniform items in stock, including skirts, blouses, and lightweight sports shirts.

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.

Contact Us



St Paul's Catholic College

Address:	Primrose Street, Booragul
Postal:	PO Box 194, Boolaroo NSW 2284
Telephone:	4958 6711
Email:	admin@booragul.catholic.edu.au
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
Canteen Telephone:	4946 3115
Clothing Pool:	Please see the main office for uniform needs.

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

1st September – Year 7, Zoo Excursion
2nd September – Book week dress up
3rd September – 2027 Student College Leadership Interviews
7th September – Year 11 End of Course Exams begin
8th September – FACE Meeting – online 6.00pm
9th September – Year 9 PASS Excursion
11th September – Year 10 Japanese Cultural Experience Excursion
14th September – HSC Music Soiree – 6pm
17th September – Year 11 Ski Trip