



## *"Prima Primum" – First Things First*

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## PRAYER

### A Prayer of St Teresa of Avila

Lord, grant that I may always allow myself  
to be guided by You,  
always follow Your plans,  
and perfectly accomplish Your Holy Will.  
Grant that in all things,  
great and small,  
today and all the days of my life,  
I may do whatever You require of me.  
Help me respond to the slightest prompting of Your Grace,  
so that I may be Your trustworthy instrument for Your honour.  
May Your Will be done in time  
and in eternity by me, in me, and through me.

St. Paul pray for us.  
Blessed Edmund, pray for us.  
Live Jesus in our Hearts, forever.  
Amen

## PRINCIPAL

### Completion of HSC

Wednesday saw our Year 12's finish their HSC examinations with the final exam, Design and Technology. I've made a point of engaging with them, enquiring how they are and I have been quite taken by the clear aura of "We've got this". Inwardly of course it may be very different, but I do think we need to give enormous credit to them for weathering what has been an extraordinarily difficult scenario. The resilience they have shown has been nothing short of extraordinary. We are all incredibly proud of them.

As I have done previously, I do want to highlight the amazing generosity and hard work of their teachers who have supported them so wonderfully through their journey through the College

and in particular how they have really stepped this up in 2020. We are extraordinarily blessed.

### Year 6

Wonderful to see our Year 6 students this week, next year's Year 7's. What a vibrant and excited group they are, and I know the staff are looking forward to working with them next year. Thank you to Mrs Louise Raffo, Ms Karen Shawcross, Dr. Natasha Perrett and all the staff who worked on making the Orientation Day such a success.

### Year 12 Visual Arts Success

Congratulations to Mr Luke Edmunds, Kai Kirkpatrick, Alex Spriggs and Jericho Cabilao for the recognition they have received for their art works: Jericho for winning the Bendigo Community Bank Award with his artwork now on display at the Freshwater branch then with Kai and Alex achieving exhibition with the HSC Express Yourself at the Manly Art Gallery and Museum. Well done!

### Great Things Around the College

As I start to reflect on my time here I don't take credit for much as I'm part of a much larger team of staff and leaders who have transformed this college over the past four years and continue that work into the future. I am proud though of the great work our staff do.

Taking part in the Edutech 2020 online conference sparked my thoughts when listening to Peter Hutton, our partner as leader of the Future Schools Alliance.

Peter spoke of the transformation many schools are undertaking, including ourselves, positioning themselves to cater for the future needs of their students with a focus on 'fulfillment'.

St. Paul's has bravely stepped into this space with a greater focus on the needs of each individual student whether it be our Wellbeing work, our Diverse Learning Team, students using hybrid pathways for university entry with less emphasis on ATAR, deepening learning through structured enquiry giving

students more agency in their learning; what Peter referred to as students self-authoring / curating their learning environment.

Doing all this whilst building a sharper focus on literacy, numeracy and learning gain for every student. This has been further enhanced by our learnings from Covid where many teachers now teach a more hybrid approach utilising the very best of online learning with best practice pedagogy deepening learning.

This rethinking of education we have been responding to sees us focusing much more on what each student's unique learning strengths and passions are to build learning pathways for their future, not mine or your's.

This involves building linkages outside of the College, embracing entrepreneurship which some students are engaged with this year in Year 10 as just one example.

Most schools aren't doing this and that is my key point.

We all should be very proud of the school St. Paul's is and will grow to be.

God bless.

**Mr Chris Browne**  
**Principal**

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<https://twitter.com/stpaulsmanly>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/st-paul-s-catholic-colleg-e-manly/?viewAsMember=true>

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

This year we are again participating in the Tell Them from Me (TTFM) survey. This survey is completed by students, staff and parents. Information on accessing this survey has been provided today on Compass and I encourage all parents to complete the survey. The survey has a focus on school effectiveness and provides valuable feedback from all members of the community. The survey will be open to all until November 15th On Wednesday we held our Year 7 Orientation Day for all the boys who are commencing in 2021. The day was a great success, with good weather, four periods of classes and a BBQ lunch. The boys participated in Technology, Science, Wellbeing and an Inspire lesson. Many thanks to the teachers who taught these lessons, and to our College Prefects who gave of their time to meet with the boys and introduce them to the College.



Due to COVID and the rearranging of many events we decided that for the Year in Review to happen it will need to be completed in different stages on different days. Therefore, it was only fitting that the Year 11 cohort held their Year in Review now as they finish Year 11 and commence their HSC studies.

Three of our Prefects, Noah, Rory and Oscar led us through the event, presenting awards and though only witnessed by their cohort those receiving awards were recognised and celebrated. The highlight of the hour was the Year 11 students acknowledging that one of their own Ryan Blix had been awarded the first place ranking in HSC Studies of Religion. Not only had Ryan achieved wonderful results as a Year 11 student but he has also out classed the Year 12. Congratulations to all of Year 11 on completing their Preliminary year and good luck with Year 12.

Last Friday several unexplained attendance letters were sent out via email. These letters had a date range for only this Term and indicated those days that a partial or whole absence was unexplained. If you received one of these letters, please log on to Compass and amend any unexplained absences or alternatively email the College Reception with the reasons and we can amend the attendance records on your behalf.

**Ms Karen Shawcross**  
**Assistant Principal**

## DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

As the Higher School Certificate concludes this week, I think the 2020 Year 12 students would join me in thanking the whole school community for the prayers and support shown to them during what can only be described as an extraordinary year. The calm way in which the students have completed each of their exams is testament to their own preparation and the efforts of the Presiding Officer, Mrs Christine O'Grady, and her team of invigilators. I extend our thanks to them for their care and support of our HSC students.

The 2021 Year 12 class has commenced their Higher School Certificate program of study. Students completing the accelerated Studies of Religion 1-unit course have already experienced a taste of Higher School Certificate, and I hope they are able to make the most of this as they engage in the remainder of their Higher School Certificate program. I spoke at the 2021 Year 12 student assembly this morning reinforcing the importance of making the most of all learning opportunities at school. This includes authentic use of timetabled study periods and flexible learning time. Review of this year's HSC examinations highlights the importance of a comprehensive understanding of Year 11 content. Many students believe that the Higher School Certificate pertains just to Year 12 knowledge and skills, but this is not true. The skills and deeper understanding achieved in prior courses is accessed in Year 12 courses and supports students as they develop an understanding of new content. 2021 Year 12 students are encouraged to draw on this prior knowledge as part of their study program.

Many Year 7 – 10 students are currently completing take home and in class assessments. As results are made available to students and their parents, I encourage each student to take this opportunity to reflect on his application in class, engagement with content, and preparation through study and homework. 2020 has not provided all students with the easiest learning pathway, and we recognise that some boys are

challenged with their general organisation and management of homework and assessment. These challenges will be addressed with students early in 2021, to ensure that they are prepared to maximise all learning opportunities.

**Mrs Trish McGregor**  
**Director of Teaching and Learning**

## COLLEGE COUNSELLOR

### A flexible approach to raising kids

This year's unique challenges have brought a sharper focus on child-rearing styles. Parents who rely on one style have often struggled to meet the emotional needs of their children.

This online presentation will look at the latest data on alcohol and other drug (AOD) use of Australian secondary school students and discuss the impact of COVID-19 restrictions on teens and socialising and what effect the pandemic lockdown may have had on teen AOD use.

**Mrs Mary Thomas**  
**School Counsellor**

## CAREERS

For comprehensive careers information please visit St Paul's Careers on our website at <http://stpaulsmanlycareers.com/> where you can find a calendar of careers based events along with information on the different pathways available to your son during and after school.

<http://stpaulsmanlycareers.com/>

For our Careers Newsletter please click on this link:

<http://stpaulsmanlycareers.com/?page=newsletter>

To subscribe to our careers email alerts of further and higher education provider open days and events, please follow the link below:

<https://stpaulsmanlycareers.com/?page=calendar-of-events>

**Mr Dale Casburn**  
**Leader of Post school Options**

## COLLEGE NOTICEBOARD

If you would like a tour of the College, please register your interest by calling our Enrolment Registrar, Mrs Louise Raffo on 9977 5111 or by emailing [stpauls@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stpauls@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

### St Paul's Standard Collection Notice

Please find here an updated and current version of St Paul's Standard Collection Notice.

<https://stpaulsmanly.nsw.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Standard-Collection-Notice-February-2020.pdf>

## YEAR 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11, 2021 TEXTBOOK INFORMATION

The textbook requirements for 2021 are available ONLINE at the link below. Please place the order online before 14th December 2020 using 'G5YG' as your code, to make sure the books are home delivered ready for the start of the school year.

<http://www.campion.com.au/>

All orders are to be prepaid and will be delivered to a nominated address by you during the week ending Friday, 15 January 2021 for a cost of \$15.95 per order.

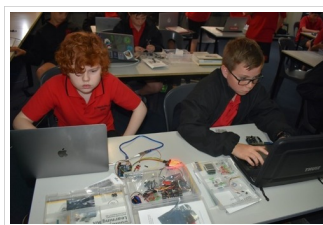
We recommend you buy or sell your Second-hand books online via the link below.

<http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/>

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to telephone the Information Resource Centre.

## YEAR 7 TECHNOLOGY – DIGITAL SYSTEMS

Over the past two Terms, Year 7 Technology students have been working on a Digital Systems unit and have learnt to program a range of input and output devices using Arduino microcontrollers. At present they are working in pairs to design their own micro-controller using a range of input and output devices with which they have available. Their determination and engagement with this task have been commendable. They have been incredibly persistent with their problem solving and identification of errors in their programs. Here are a few of the boys deep in thought with their microcontrollers.



**Mrs Catherine Winter**  
**Leader of Learning TAS**

## STAGE 5 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Through their study on the Food Service and Catering Industry this Term, Stage 5 Food Technology students have realised the need be consistent when presenting food for service. Last week, the boys worked in groups to prepare four identically plated meals, using the ingredients provided. They also were required to implement safe food practices, teamwork and positive communication within their group to ensure all was completed in the designated time frame. This task will help them to prepare and plate identical meals for their assessment task later in the week, when they are able to plan and prepare a restaurant quality dish of their choice.



**Mrs Catherine Winter**  
**Leader of Learning TAS**

## YOUTH MINISTRY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS



### Father Paul Kim

Last week Staff and Senior Prefects farewelled Fr Paul with a morning tea. Fr Paul has generously served the community over 5 years: attending retreats, winter sleep outs, youth events and of course his wonderful sermons that the boys came to genuinely look forward to and his powerful messages through his creative use of origami. We wish Fr Paul all the very best as he continues his journey back to South Korea.



### CCD Broken Bay

Thank you to John Donnelly and Joe Pulis from CCD Broken Bay for leading our Year 9 students with their training to become Catechists at Harbord Public in 2021. We had a record eighteen students interested in the program. Thank you to Ms Toni Walsh who will journey with the students and assist them throughout the program.



## Catholic Schools Broken Bay Christmas Pilgrimage



Rachel Vala from Catholic Youth Broken Bay dropped into the College last week to do some filming for a Diocesan wide Christmas pilgrimage. We look forward to seeing the production and thank Angelo Euguster-Nixon, Oliver Cashin, Joel Davies, Noah Figuiere, Oscar Palin, Rory Atherton Luke McGuire, Ashley Steele, Harry Larcos for their assistance on the day.

### An invitation to discover more about our Catholic faith

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Young Adults

Perhaps you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic Christian for some time but never got around doing anything about it.



- Perhaps you have been baptised but have not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation
- Perhaps you have been involved in a faith community but never took the step to investigate becoming a full member of the Church.

If you would like to know more about becoming a member of the of the church please contact [joanne.kalayzich@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:joanne.kalayzich@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

**Ms Joanne Kalayzich**  
**Youth Ministry Coordinator**

## SPORT

### Weekly Sport Fixtures

#### Futsal:

- U14s - Friday afternoons
- Open – Wednesday afternoons

#### Basketball:

- Monday - Year 7
- Wednesday - Year 8
- Thursday - Years 9 & 10
- Friday – Open

#### Cricket:

- Manly Shield Round 2 – Date TBC
- Manly Cup Round 2 – Date TBC

### Upcoming Broken Bay Event

Tennis: Tuesday 24th November - More information soon

### Representative News

Congratulations to Jack Doorey who was selected for the NSW U16 State Squad for Water polo

All enquiries, please contact me at  
timothy.emmerson@dbb.catholic.edu.au

## **2021 NSWCCC registrations are now open**

### **BBSSSA Sport Link**

Broken Bay Secondary Schools Sport Association link:

<https://www.brokenbaysport.org.au/secondary>

**Mr Tim Emmerson**  
**Leader of Sport**

## **SCHOOL TRAVEL FOR 2021**

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened on Monday 12th October 2020.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

Lost property is now located at the College Reception in the Cardinal's Palace. If your son is missing any item(s) please ask him to check at the College Reception and staff will endeavour to locate his missing item(s).

Please label your son's uniform items. Uniforms are expensive and when they have no identification, we cannot return them to the owner.

If your son has out grown his school uniform please consider donating any items, particularly senior uniform pieces and jackets, to the spare uniform pool at the College – this has proven to be a very helpful solution to many boys experiencing wardrobe 'malfunctions' during the course of the school day and is a great way to recycle, reduce landfill. The College ties are always very welcome as these are often misplaced by the boys.

## **PARENT LIAISON GROUP**

If you are interested in being more involved with St Paul's and the Parent Liaison Group, you are very welcome. If you have any feedback or questions, please feel free to email us at [plgspcc@gmail.com](mailto:plgspcc@gmail.com)

**Mrs Michal Brenchley and Mrs Leisa Cannon**  
**Parent Liaison Group**

## **CANTEEN**

As well as cash, the online Flexischools ordering and payment service is available for ordering in 2020.

To register, please follow the instructions available at the following Url,

<http://www.flexischools.com.au/>

Cut off time for lunch orders via Flexischools is 9:30am

EFTPOS is available.

We welcome new ideas and initiatives and work hard to accommodate requests.

Special dietary requirements are available on request: gluten free, dairy free, halal, vegetarian, vegan, and nut free can be catered for.

**Tania and Teresa**  
**Yummy Bears Kiosk**

## **SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

It is strongly recommended that uniforms be purchased from Pickles before the end of this year to minimise queuing during the January 2021 back to school period. Most importantly, Pickles wants to keep everyone safe (and within the government guidelines for social distancing) in their store.

## **FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

Are you following us on social media? Important communication will continue to be emailed, posted and placed in the newsletter but social media is another way to keep up to date with the happenings here at St Paul's.

**FACEBOOK:** @stpaulscatholiccollegemanly  
**INSTAGRAM:** spcc\_manly  
**TWITTER:** @stpaulsmanly

If you have concerns about your son appearing on social media, please alert the College immediately.



## **BROKEN BAY NEWS**

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/broken-bay-news/broken-bay-news-editions>

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