



"Prima Primum" – First Things First

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PRAYER

As we approach the end of our 93rd year as a College we have much to be thankful for:

- The remarkable effort of our Teaching and Support Staff to maintain continuity of learning as students logged in from home, and to keep them connected with one another as a community
- The courage of the students themselves as they engaged in their learning in a way that has never been the norm for mainstream school education
- The generous support and flexibility of our parents as they managed a technological and social/emotional balancing act; creating the space for our young men to continue to flourish both at home and when they returned to the classroom.

And all of this has been accomplished with the unwavering support of God's Holy Spirit.

In thanksgiving for what has been a remarkable year I encourage you and your family to come together with your local parish community and give thanks at Mass this Christmas.

St Paul pray for us.

Blessed Edmund Rice, pray for us.

Live Jesus in our Hearts, forever.

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

This week's Year in Review was, like so many other aspects of College life this year, conducted differently. But the remaining Level 3 Restrictions afforded us a rare opportunity; to celebrate the achievements of our students within the overall context of our thanksgiving Eucharist.

From the start of this year, I set one goal before your sons' Teachers: for each one of them to know their students as learners, at least as well as they know them as young men,

and to ensure that every student is academically challenged and supported so that he might experience success and grow in his learning. Not a ground-breaking or innovative approach to teaching and learning, but a renewed emphasis on the fundamental purpose of schooling. By ensuring that the needs of every student are catered for we live up to our moral purpose to not leave any student behind, nor to hold any one back.

In support of this every member of staff has been encouraged, throughout the year, to make consistent use of the Courage Merit system to reinforce positive learning and social behaviour. I am pleased to say that the number of merits that have been given this year have exceeded our expectations. And although at times some of them may have seemed to focus on the most ordinary aspects of College life, it is through the many small things that we create positive habits, and an environment in which young men can flourish. Even if it is just coming into each class with shirts tucked in and masks on without needing to be reminded.

This speaks directly to the learning culture that we have endeavoured to grow this year at St Paul's (grow, not establish). You see, smart is not something that a young man is, it is the fruit of a habit that he develops over time. Similarly, generosity and kindness are habits that are learned, modelled at home and at school. And this is the key, that home and school support and complement one another, so that the young men in our care will grow to live lives of meaning and purpose.

Thank you for all that you have done throughout this most unusual year to support the College and your sons.

I would like to thank the following staff for their support and dedication as they move on at the end of this year and wish them well in their future opportunities:

Phillip ARTHUR	Redlands, Cremorne
Emma BOLTON	Mercy Catholic College, Chatswood
Angela BOWLAND	Marist Sisters College, Woolwich
Chantelle BROWN	Mater Maria Catholic College, Warriewood

John CAMILLERI	
David CHANEY	Catherine McAuley Catholic College, Medowie
Amy EVERS	Mater Maria Catholic College, Warriewood
Bruce GEMMELL	Pittwater House School, Collaroy
Nicole KANIS	Domremy Catholic College, Five Dock
Christine SCHUBERT	Narrabeen Sports High School
Suzanne TOOMEY	
Ben WALSH	Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta

Prima Primum

God bless.

Mr Michael Reid
College Principal

COLLEGE CALENDAR 2021/2022

For 2021/2022 school dates please refer to the Google Calendar



<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscatholiccollegemanly>

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

There have been many Assessments completed over the last couple of weeks as Term 4 and the 2021 school year draw to a close. Our Year 12 class of 2021 completed their HSC and there were many smiling young men as each of them finished their final exam of secondary schooling. It will be wonderful to catch up with them next week at their Year 12 Formal and then their Graduation.

Our Year 12 class of 2022 commenced their HSC studies and this week many have completed their first Assessment of the HSC year and many of them have risen to the challenge. The Year 7-10 students have completed final Assessments for the year and their Reports will be available in Compass today.

This final week of classes also involved every student in Years 7-10 completed the PAT-R and the Pat-M tests, a diagnostic tool to determine learning growth for the year.

We met with the Year 7 cohort of 2022 on Wednesday this week and they enjoyed their day at high school. In House groups they completed four periods of classes and met their

fellow classmates. They also had the opportunity to meet with the Year 11 House Captains of 2022.

Our end of year Mass was also held yesterday, followed by Awards Presentation which was completed in the Church at St Mary's Manly. Congratulations to all who received an Award.



Congratulations to all of the school community for a great year and I trust that all will have a safe, happy and holy Christmas. I look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

Ms Karen Shawcross
Assistant Principal

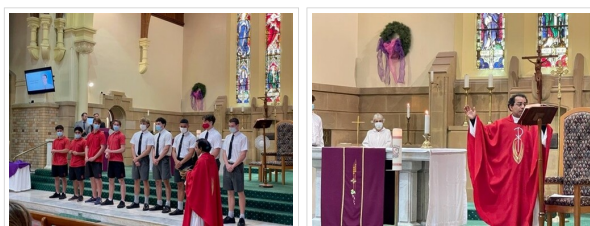
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As we come to the end of a very unusual year, it's time to reflect on what has gone on and think about the future. As we approach the end of Term 4 let us take time to remember that we also approach the birth of our saviour, Jesus. It is a time of joy and wonder but also one where we think of others and think of giving. Everyone gave so generously to our Christmas appeal so that others less fortunate may also share the joy of Christmas.

As we look forward to 2022 it would be good to start planning how we can be less selfish and more selfless with our time and efforts, looking to get back into living a life of service. The table below will help you plan and seek opportunities to do just that little bit more. Maybe our Mums will plan to come to the Mother's Liturgy and morning teas, hopefully grandparents can come to the Grandparent's Liturgy and morning tea.

Maybe students will want to take part in the One Meal program (an initiative put forward by Ms Murphy), making food for the homeless and those struggling a little.

Yesterday we celebrated the end of year Mass with Father John. It was a joyous celebration with the College once again filling out the Church at St Mary's, Manly. The band provided us with some outstanding music as we sang a range of carols that were just the tonic to finish a year like the one we just had. This was touched on in Tom Dignam's reflection as our Mission Prefect and the Homily by Fr John.



We also had the opportunity to commission our new student school leaders who were blessed. They also took on the major roles of the Mass and did a fantastic Job.

God bless and have a merry Christmas and restful New Year.

Mr Steven Callow
Director of Religious Education

DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

As we wind down to Christmas, the business of school continues at pace.

The class of 2021 were a credit to themselves, their families, and the College, as they engaged in the delayed Higher School Certificate. The way in which they handled the uncertainty around the delivery of the HSC shows the true character of this cohort. The Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians (MCEETYA 2008) encourages students to have a "sense of self-worth, self-awareness and personal identity enabling them to manage their emotional, mental, spiritual and physical wellbeing with a sense of optimism about their lives and their future." Our senior students' engagement with their studies and commitment to their HSC attests to their optimism and future planning.

The Class of 2022 has begun its path towards their Higher School Certificate, and with three terms remaining before they too sit their final examinations, our new senior students must accept the baton passed to them by our recent graduates and aspire to be the best they can.

Our current Year 10 students have been preparing for their final two years of secondary school as they work to achieve their minimum standards in numeracy, reading and writing. As well as minimum standards, the Year 10 cohort have engaged in HSC All My Own Work modules, a program designed to help HSC students follow the principles and practice of good scholarship. I would like to congratulate Year 10 on how they have engaged with this process.

Students in Years 7-10 have completed the Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) in Mathematics and Reading this week. As mentioned previously PAT tests are evidence-based tasks that allow us to pinpoint where students are in their learning and quantify the learning growth they have achieved year-on-year. I look forward to reviewing the student data, and our teaching staff will use this information to inform their planning for 2022.

I would like to thank our staff for their hard work during this eventful year. Their efforts to maintain continuity of learning through our extended lockdown is testament to their ongoing care for their students.

Finally, I would like to thank the parent community for your support of us and your sons during 2021. As we know the success of any school community is in the fabric of how staff, parents and carers unite in supporting each student as he manages his learning journey.

I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas, a well-earned holiday, and look forward to welcoming you all back in 2022.

Mrs Trish McGregor
Director of Teaching and Learning

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT WELLBEING FOR LEARNING

It is official the academic school year has come to an end for Stages 4 and 5 (Years 7-10). With the year that has been our students are ready to 'switch off' - switch off from school. As one switch is set to off another switch receives more attention - social online activity and interaction.

It is important that they stay connected to one another and wherever possible that this connection be face to face and active - mountain biking, camping, surfing, gaming side-by-side in the same room, fishing.

Whilst their generation may have been born with connectivity it can take us adults a little longer to catch up to what they are engaging in. For example: *Do you know the app(s) that your son communicates with his friends through? What personal information do these apps collect and/or data do they keep? Should he be reviewing his security settings every time the app updates?*

All we can do is do our best to keep him safe, safe now and into the future. Actions today have the ability to impact the future direction his life takes.

Here are some links to the eSafety Commissioner site that you may find useful:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>

Learn about the latest games, apps and social media, including how to protect your information and report inappropriate content.

The BIG Issues

- Cyberbullying
- Online Gaming
- Screen Time

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice>

If your son has any concerns in relation to what is happening online these websites are a great resource for him to gather more information and advice:

- eSafetyyoung people
- Kids Helpline: Teens
- eheadspace

REMEMBER your son can report any online abuse to the eSafety Commissioner.

The eSafety Commissioner helps Australians deal with online abuse.

To report abuse use this link

Ms Angela Bowland
Director of Student Wellbeing for Learning

COLLEGE COUNSELLORS

<https://au.reachout.com/articles/your-summer-survival-guide>

Mrs Mary Thomas: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Mrs Danika Mouldsdales: Thursday, Friday

College Counsellors

CAREERS AND VET (VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING)

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

YOUTH MINISTRY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Vinnies Christmas Hampers



Thank you to our wonderful College community, who together have created 20 beautiful hampers filled with gourmet food, presents and gift cards that were delivered by Year 10 students this week. Advent beckons us to look at what's coming next? COVID-19 has forced us to stop and reflect. Advent prepares us for Jesus in a new way by taking time to look at our relationship with him, which can be expressed in how we treat each other. Thank you for your continuing generosity throughout 2021, despite the many challenges. During Advent, may the God of power and mercy continue to open our hearts and remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy this Christmas.



Christmas Mass Times

No matter where you find yourself over the Christmas break, there are so many options to attend Christmas Masses throughout the Diocese. Please plan ahead as some Parishes are asking people to register their attendance. Please check the following links to see if you need to register your family to attend Christmas Mass.

Manly Freshwater: Christmas Mass Times

North Harbour Parish: Christmas Mass Times

Lakes Parish: Parish Home Page - Mass Times

Warringah Parish: Christmas Mass Times

Ms Joanne Kalayzich
Youth Ministry Coordinator

SPORT

For Thursday afternoon Sport, our Year 8 PC Group C students developed their Mixed Martial Arts skills. They focused on a variety of kicking techniques and how to offset their opponent.

These boys were highly focused and were able to achieve a lot in a short amount of time.



Year 11 students, Jackson Lill, Savelio Tamale and Mitchell Ell were part of the Warringah Rats Rugby 7s team that played at Forster Tuncurry on the weekend of 19-21 November.

They were successful in winning the NSW State Cup competition. A fabulous achievement.

Congratulations to them and the Warringah Rats!

St Paul's Year 12 student Joel Davies, is not only studying hard to complete his HSC exams but at the same time he also shines on the cricket field.

This article was published in Sunday's Daily Telegraph:

"NSW Premier Cricket: HSC student Joel Davies stars after golden duck on debut for Manly.

A big day out for his club after a less than memorable debut could not have come at a better time for this rising star of Australian cricket.

If you ever doubted what a difference a week can make in cricket check in with this HSC student tipped to be a big hit in the future just like his big brother.

Joel Davies has spent most of his time in recent weeks studying for and sitting his final school exams.

But on Saturday he gave a lesson in grit when he came back from a forgettable Sydney first grade debut in round two of NSW Premier Cricket to put on a head-turning display.

Exactly a week after this 18-year-old made debuted for Manly Warringah first grade with a golden duck against Randwick Petersham, he hit 70 to be his club's leading scorer in their much-needed win over Western Suburbs.

"It was a relief," said Davies, the younger brother of Sheffield Shield and BBL young gun Ollie.

It was also nerve-racking, according to the St Paul's Catholic College student who sits an exam in timber on Monday and religion on Thursday.

"It wasn't an ideal start last week so when I got that first run in this time it was such a relief," Davies said.

"It was a huge pressure situation. It was good to get that win yesterday. "We were 3-15 and I knew something was going on. It was a bit nerve-racking but I did feel more confident knowing I had the debut. I just settled in pretty quickly, I was out there with a senior player and he helped me a lot. We ticked off goals, short-term goals and each time we just got a little closer."

The Curl Curl cricketer was looking for form ahead of his trip to South Australia in December for Australian under 19 squad trials for the upcoming World Cup in the West Indies."

The St Paul's College community wishes Joel all the best with his remaining HSC exams and then for an exciting career in cricket ahead, no doubt he and his brother Ollie Davies will become household names in the years ahead!



Our Year 9 students participated in an intense strength training session at the beautiful North Head Fitness gym for Thursday Sport.

The strength circuit was followed by a strenuous HIIT cardio workout. What a way to spend a stunning Thursday afternoon, well done boys!



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

BBSSSA Sport Link

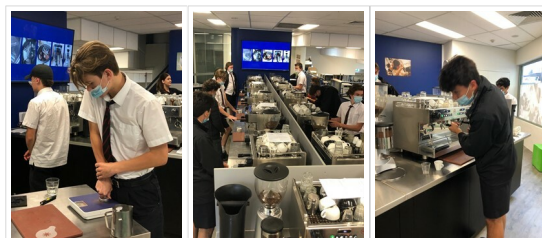
<https://www.brokenbaysport.org.au/secondary>

Mr Tim Emmerson
Leader of Sport

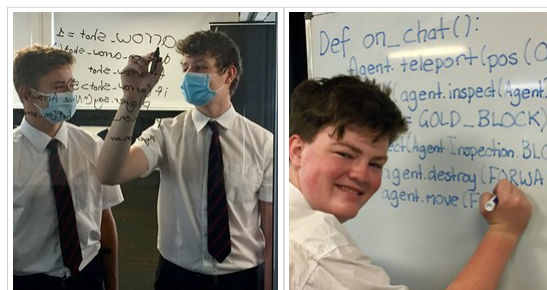
PATHWAYS AND PARTNERSHIPS

The final few weeks of Term 4 have brought pleasure in finally being able to meet your sons on campus rather than the relentless Zooming. And whilst visitors have not been allowed on campus yet, and information webinars are still online, we are looking forward to changing that up in 2022.

November and December saw a select group of Year 10 and Year 11 students head into the Australian Barista School in the CBD (an off campus excursion – too exciting) where they earned an accredited qualification which can lead to part-time work during school holidays and beyond. Thank you to Teacher Ms Kate Murphy for undertaking the course with the students.



Mr Alan Prictor in Maths took up the challenge of working with 20 students across Years 9-11 on a Microsoft "INTRODUCTION TO CODING" two week program; including interviews with industry experts.



Ms Emma Bolton in the music KLA helped deliver a song writing workshop with JMC Academy that the students then used to work on an indigenous music project.



Last Friday Pathways was pleased to have convened the 3 BIGGEST YOUTH EMPLOYERS IN THE COUNTRY: Woolworths, McDonalds and Bunnings to assess part-time work opportunities during school; what these employers look for; how to apply; and the long-term career options when they leave the College gates.

The Term ended with a "Careers Behind Surfing" program introducing the students to the plethora of career opportunities link to the \$3.9 BILLION global surfing industry followed by a

surf lesson or photography work shop at Manly Beach – seeing them outside was such a thrill!



Looking to 2022 our current Year 10 Students are completing the Morrisby Profiling; which will give us a good understanding of their interests; passions; and motivators to help us and our parent community guide their decisions post school.

So from the Pathways and Partnership Team at Catholic Schools Broken Bay I will take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, relaxing, and blessed Christmas and high hopes for a better 2022.

Ms Jayne Persico
Student Achievement – Pathways & Partnership Leader

YEAR 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11, 2022 TEXTBOOK INFORMATION

The textbook requirements for 2022 are available ONLINE at www.campion.com.au Please place the order online before next Monday 13th December 2021 using **BVBT** as your code, to make sure the books are home delivered ready for the start of the school year.

All orders are to be prepaid and will be delivered to a nominated address by you during the week ending Friday 14th January 2022 for a cost of \$15.95 per order.

We recommend you buy or sell your Second-hand books online via <http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au>

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

Mrs Nicola Pervan
Information Resource Centre

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is located at the College Reception in the Cardinal's Palace. If your son is missing any item(s) please ask him to check with the College Receptionist to determine whether it may have been handed in.

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 outgrown his school uniform please consider donating any item in good condition, particularly senior uniform grey shorts, trousers and blazers – this has proven to be a very helpful solution to many boys experiencing wardrobe 'malfunctions' during the school day and is a great way to recycle and 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 plgspcc@gmail.com

Mrs Michal Brenchley
Parent Liaison Group

CANTEEN

The Canteen will be operational again in Term 1 from Monday 31 January 2022.

Tania and Teresa
Yummy Bears Kiosk

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Uniforms may be purchased from Pickles at 43 Carter Street, Brookvale. Phone number 9905 2711

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.

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscatholiccollegemanly/>

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/broken-bay-news/broken-bay-news-editions>

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College Website	www.stpaulsmanly.nsw.edu.au
Enrolment's email	enrolments@dbb.catholic.edu.au
Student achievements email	stpauls@dbb.catholic.edu.au