

"Prima Primum" – First Things First

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PRAYER

As our Year 12 Students graduate this week and set their sights on their Higher School Certificate examinations and the future we pray

> God of new beginnings, we give thanks for the many blessings that the Class of 2022 has brought to our community over the past six years. As they go out into the world, we ask that your Holy Spirit will go with them, and keep them safe.

> As they leave behind the supportive structures of College life, we pray that you will strengthen their resolve, helping them to make choices that will enable them to live life to the full, and to bring life, success and joy to others. And may they become more and more, the men that from all time, you created them to be.

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

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Graduation Address from the Principal

I'd like to begin by acknowledging how incredibly grateful we all are to celebrate your graduation. This is a journey that began thirteen years ago, with some you rushing eagerly into the Kindergarten classroom and others being led reluctantly by the hand. But all of you being watched and guided, with love, by your families.

If you can imagine how proud they were when you came home from your first day of school, you will appreciate how much more today means to them.

Parents are the first educators of their children and to the parents of our graduates, I thank you for allowing us to share in

the awesome responsibility of shaping your sons into the men that they are becoming.

I have only known your sons for a third of their secondary education. And even those of my colleagues that have walked this path with them from Year 7, have contributed to less than half of their school education. As we celebrate their achievements today it is important that we acknowledge the primary school teachers and leaders that started this journey with you. The ones who taught you to read, who nurtured your curiosity and encouraged your passions.

For most of you it has been six years since St Paul's became the place where you would continue and complete your school education. And in that time, there have been many teachers, learning assistants and support staff that have challenged and supported you. This morning I would like to acknowledge and thank them also.

When the Class of 2022 was only in Year 7, the following was written about you in the College yearbook:

These boys' pride themselves on their diversity and their ability to be inclusive of all members of the community. They appreciate the importance of celebrating the unique talents of every individual. This is their strength. We hope they will continue to draw upon it as they journey through high school.

Throughout your middle years of schooling, you took up this challenge with great enthusiasm. In Year 8, and again in Year 9, more students in your cohort received academic and Courage awards than in any other year group. And in 2020 almost half of your number received awards for Academic Excellence.

You have never been a cohort whose success was carried on the shoulders of a small group of hard-working individuals. So, it is with more than optimism that we look forward to what you will achieve in the final assessment of your schooling.

Importantly though, the Higher School Certificate is not the only achievement that you will be able to look back on with pride. After a year in which many of the opportunities to participate in the community life of the College were lost, your final year together has more than fulfilled the promise of your first. The record books will celebrate the Class of 2022 as the Peninsula Cup Opens Rugby Champions, the Diocese of Broken Bay Football Champions, and the Warringah Basketball Association Champions – but those who were there will also remember those that took to the field and court having not represented the College, or in some cases even played these sports before.

And an important lesson was learned. Just because you have never done something before, doesn't mean that you won't be able to do it and do it well, if only you do it together.

And with this in mind, we look to your future... as graduates of St Paul's Catholic College Manly, you are the latest in a long line - a 94-year line - of men that have taken their education and used it to change the world around them. To make it a better place.

With your Certificate of Graduation, you have also received your graduate number, to remind you that you do not go out into this world alone. You are also only the second group of graduates to receive the Old Boys Tie. This is something that I encourage you to wear proudly, whenever the opportunity arises. Because being a part of this community, now and for the rest of your life, is something to be proud of.

And finally, in your portfolio you will find a small card with these words:

As a graduate of St Paul's, you go out into this world filled with the potential and the promise to be a man that will make a difference.

Every action, every choice that you make will shape you and the world around you. As you make them, remember the values in which you have been formed.

Are my actions respectful of all? Am I taking responsibility for myself? Am I conducting myself with reverence for the one that has given me this life?

Am I putting first things first?

Carry it with you, and from time to time to reflect on the values that have formed you into the men you are today.

It's appropriate that I leave the last word to St Paul himself, from today's reading. *"Lead a life worthy of the vocation to which you have been called."*

Congratulations. We are proud of you, and we can't wait to see the difference you will make in this world.



Farewell Mr Newton

This week we farewell Mr Lionel Newton from St Paul's. Lionel came to St Paul's as a young graduate teacher in 2011 and in that time has become a much-valued member of the community, becoming the Leader of Learning PDHPE. As a community we have also shared Lionel's journey as he started and has grown his family. Now after twelve years, it is time for him to take the next step in his career. Please join us as we congratulate Lionel and wish him well in his new role as Leader of PDHPE and Sport at Oxford Falls Grammar School.

COVID-Smart Changes

Recently the National Cabinet announced a change in the isolation rules for members of the public that have tested positive to COVID-19. These changes will now also come into effect in our school community.

If a student or member of staff tests positive, they will now only be required to isolate for five days. They may then return to school on the condition that they are no longer experiencing symptoms. However, if a student or staff member is still experiencing symptoms they must remain at home.

From the last day of class this Term, NSW Health no longer requires masks to be worn whilst travelling on public transport. This change will also apply to students travelling on school buses.

Prima Primum

God bless.

Mr Michael Reid College Principal

COLLEGE CALENDAR 2022

For 2022 school dates please refer to the Google Calendar



Please view our College Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsccmanly

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to our Year 12 cohort, the Class of 2022. They have weathered the storm of COVID lockdowns in their preliminary year and finished their final school day in a blaze of sunshine. They came together in a wonderful display of mateship, and with the thrills and spills that every waterslide brings, and they finished the day with a smile and clap out from the Year 7 to Year 10 students and staff. They should be very proud of themselves as I am of them. Their final Graduation Mass on Wednesday morning and Formal on Thursday evening were wonderful events with their family members watching proudly with the formal celebrations a great success. Many

thanks to our Year 7 and Year 11 cohorts who led the singing in the church at the Graduation Mass. I wish Year 12 2022 students all the very best for their HSC exams and their future endeavours.



Well done also to the Year 11 cohort who completed their Preliminary Examinations this week. They have completed the first stage of their final journey of schooling, and I am sure that they are happy to be commencing their holiday break knowing that they indeed can relax from schooling with no assessments needing to be completed.

HSC begins for these Year 11 students in Term 4. Please make sure you have submitted your textbook orders online via www.campion.com.au using the four-digit access code YMV6 (not case sensitive).

Over the last two weeks we completed our Canine Assisted Learning Programme, and it is wonderful asking this group questions about their experiences. Many of their answers are generally about how good it is to play with dogs during a school day. There are also the comments about how they had to persevere with their dog as the dog did not want to complete the obstacle course. The experience is designed to teach perseverance and encourage them to keep going, so it has worked well for the students who went through this program.

Students in Years 8-12 were issued with the 2021 College Magazine, a publication that reminds all of us of the past years in both photo and print. If your son has not received his, he will need to remember to check with his PC teacher at the beginning of next Term.

Term 4 school Term commences on Tuesday 11th October, this is a Timetable Day 2 and all students are expected to be in their summer uniform. Grooming needs to also be in the guidelines, including haircuts and hairstyles.

I wish everyone a safe and restful break and look forward to a wonderful Term 4.

Ms Karen Shawcross Assistant Principal

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As Term 3 ends, the students are completing the studies in their current units and for the Year 7 and Year 8 students, this has meant assessment time.

Year 7 have been sitting a series of questions that all Year 7 students in Broken Bay have been answering. It is very pleasing to see so many do well with their responses, some with incredible insight into the notion of stewardship of our world. Some students even produced booklets that looked at the way in which Aboriginal peoples care for the land.

Year 8 have written and presented speeches "in the style of" St Paul. They also had to promote their speech with posters. Some are below.



Year 11 have ended the preliminary course with the exam and eagerly await their marks before embarking on the final twelve months of school.

That final twelve months has just ended for the Year 12s, and we wish them luck in the HSC exams.

"A well-prepared student should always do well."

Mr Steven Callow Director of Religious Education

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Our Year 12 students completed their final week of formal education. However, it is important for them to recognise that their work is not yet done. The Higher School Certificate (HSC) examinations commence on 12th October. All Year 12 students have committed to the school-based HSC assessment program that contributes 50% of the HSC result. The external HSC examination contributes the remaining 50% of the overall HSC mark, and it is important that all students apply themselves to achieve their best results. Students will benefit from diligence and a sustained effort prior to the commencement of their final examinations.

This week Year 11 students have completed the first part of their HSC pathway with the conclusion of their End of Preliminary Examinations. This has been the first opportunity that Year 11 students have engaged in HSC style preparation and examinations, and I would like to congratulate them on their diligence and maturity in preparing for and sitting each of their examinations. I encourage each Year 11 student to reflect on how he has engaged with his learning for these examinations and develop an appropriate pattern of study for their HSC year, which commences early Term 4.

Some students in Years 7-10 have found end of term assessment schedules challenging. Students are given an appropriate amount of time to complete assessment tasks. Poor organisation and planning are generally what causes any angst. I encourage all students to look at their relevant assessment handbook at the beginning of Term 4 and prepare a schedule of assessment for Term 4. Final assessments are generally between Weeks 4 and 7, so I would recommend that students check their Term 4 assessment schedule and plan appropriately. Assessment handbooks can be found on the College website.

I wish you all a restful break and look forward to welcoming all students back in Term 4.

Mrs Trish McGregor Director of Teaching and Learning

COLLEGE COUNSELLOR

Mrs Mary Thomas: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Mrs Danika Moulsdale: Thursday, Friday College Counsellors

VET (VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING) AND POST SCHOOL OPTIONS

Year 12 VET Construction - Brick and Block Laying Assessment

Last week the HSC VET Construction students completed the Brick and Block laying competency assessment. Students had to show competence in handling brick and block laying materials and using brick and block laying tools and equipment. Before starting the task students had to complete a Safe Work Method Statement and develop a WHS and work management plan. They then were required to transport a pallet of bricks and other materials to the brick laying site and use a brick saw to cut the bricks into the correct shape for laying. Students were able to demonstrate competent use of the trowel to complete a brick wall that was 8 courses high, brick piers and an arch in a brick wall. We would like to thank Mr McDonnell for guiding his class through this assessment.



Careers

University Admissions Centre - University applications

If you are interested in applying for university entry through the University Admissions Centre, click on the link below for further instructions. Early bird application fees finish on September 30.

UAC - How to apply

Careers Bulletin

Click this link for the latest edition of the Careers Bulletin.

For more Careers information see the link below

https://st-pauls-catholic-manly.jobjump.com.au/

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at garth.aird@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

Garth Aird

Leader of Learning VET and Post School Options

YEAR 7 WELLBEING



Ms Maddie Hogarth Year 7 Leader of Student Wellbeing

YEAR 9 AND YEAR 10 WELLBEING



Mr Anthony Noyes Year 9 and Year 10 Leader of Student Wellbeing

YEAR 11 WELLBEING

What a Term it's been! What hasn't this Term had for Year 11? The final Term before stepping into the big shoes of their HSC year has been filled with events, learning, choices, and hard work. It's not possible to summarise all that's happened, but here's a quick snapshot:

- Cooking for Father's Day Breakfast for Year 7 and Year 8
- A BBSSSA Golf champion
- Year 11 Leadership Formation Day (all Year 11)
- Year 11 Student Leaders Day
- Year 12 Leadership Handover
- Vinnie's Winter Appeal
- Led the College Seasons of Creation Liturgy

This list doesn't include what's been happening in their individual subjects!



The boys can't wait for Year 12 to begin. Term 4 begins on Tuesday 11 October, which is followed the next day with some information about how to proceed in the HSC. I look forward to seeing the boys on Tuesday, and all their parents on Wednesday 12 October.

Mr Benjamin Rowse Year 11 Leader of Student Wellbeing

JAPANESE

Year 9- Senpai Kouhai cup

Students in Year 9 Japanese have recently competed in our annual Speaking competition called the Senpai Kouhai Cup. Students had prepared answers to a series of questions about themselves including their names, families, hobbies, strengths, and school grades, to name a few. They were encouraged to go beyond a one sentence response to answer with a variety of vocabulary and grammar in their responses. We were very impressed with the student's fluency and pronunciation of Japanese which made the competition very close.

Congratulations to all students who participated but especially the top 3 places getters:

In equal 3rd place we had two students who were exceptional in their choice of vocabulary and grammar- congratulations to: Lachlan Dent and Benjamin Fergusson

In 2nd place: This student had excellent fluency, pronunciation, and accuracy-

Congratulations to: Charlie Flett

And in 1st place: This student did an exceptional job. Answering questions in Japanese with approximately 5 sentences in some answers. He had excellent pronunciation and really pushed himself with a variety of grammar and vocabulary. Congratulations to: William Abrahamsen



Year 8

Year 8 have been learning about Japanese food and dining etiquette.

We have practiced our chopstick skills trying to pick up jellybeans in a chopstick challenge.



We have also tasted some unfavourable Japanese foods such as Nattou- fermented soybeans, Umeboshi- pickled plum, and Takuan- pickled white radish, which for many students these proved to be ??? mazui (not tasty) but they were eager to give them a go!



We also were treated to eating some ???? oishii (yummy) foods too with our obento from Waka restaurant in Manly. Students were able to practice dining phrases such ?????? itadakimasu (Thank you for our meal) and ???????? Gochisousamadeshita (said after the meal) and practice using chopsticks while eating a variety of Japanese foods.



Year 10

Students in Year 10 Japanese have been working hard this Term learning about travelling in Japan and have created a travel vlog for their assessments. We were certainly pleased to see how far their language skills have come and were very interested to see the amazing places they could visit in Japan.



Well done to all our students in Japanese. You have come so far in your language skills and cultural development.

Mrs Amanda Kibby Leader of Learning Languages

PDHPE

Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



PDHPE PASS



Year 10



Mr Lionel Newton Leader of Learning PDHPE

TECHNOLOGIES



Mr Callum Endacott Leader of Learning Technologies

ONE MEAL

One Meal Northern Beaches delivers food relief through weekly Community Meals and a Delivery Program getting fresh hampers and cooked meals directly to people referred by social service agencies and community groups.

This year students at St Paul's have started volunteering fortnightly, giving up their afternoon sport time and cooking for the delivery program. So far, the students have made over 400 delicious and nutritious meals which have had some fantastic feedback from One Meal.

The new student leadership team are planning some further initiatives related to One Meal for Term 4 and 2023, so watch this space!



Ms Kate Murphy Technologies Teacher

YOUTH MINISTRY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

This October, we are celebrating World Mission Month, a month dedicated to life-giving work of missionaries around the world. Each year group will be involved in a 2x2 basketball competition and BBQ fundraiser to raise some vital funds for Catholic Mission.



Ms Joanne Kalayzich Youth Ministry Coordinator

SPORT

BBSSSA Intermediate Basketball

On Thursday 1 September, Year 10 had competed in their first BBSSSA Intermediate Basketball tournament at Breakers Indoor Sports Stadium in Gosford. The boys were up early but were excited for the day we had ahead of us.

The early and cold morning took its toll on the boys in the first two games as we had two 10-point losses but as the day progressed the boys began to warm up and gave a challenge to the upcoming teams. We lost the first two games, however had a very convincing win in our third game then a narrow loss in our fourth. The game of the day was by far our game against Gosford as they had lined up against us with a squad of 15 and us only with 8. We gave them a challenge and shocked them as they expected an easy win, but we led going into the second half with the boys raining threes down on their heads. We ended the day with a 2-4 record, and it was a pleasure to coach the boys as it was my first time.

It was a valiant effort by the boys and applaud them for their positive attitude all day.

Ross Downey, Year 12 student (Coach)

PENINSULA CUP – RUGBY UNION

Unfortunately, the U14s Rugby Union lost to Mater Maria in the semi-final of the Peninsula Cup. It was a close game, but Mater Maria just edged it. Congratulations to the St Paul's team on their improvement over the season.

BROKEN BAY 7s - RUGBY UNION

The inaugural Broken Bay 7s Rugby Union competition took place on the Central Coast during Week 9. St Paul's entered the U14s. Whilst the results didn't go our way, the boys enjoyed the day representing the College.



Savelio Tamale

Good luck to Sav (Year 12), as this week is trialling for the Australian Rugby Union Academy in Canberra.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORT TERM 4

Please see Compass for further information and to register your interest in extra-curricular sports in Term 4. The list of events is as follows:

- 1. 7/8 Peninsula Cup Touch Monday 4.00pm to 5.00pm at Nolan Reserve, Manly
- 9/10/11 Peninsula Cup Touch Monday 4.00pm to 5.00pm at Nolan Reserve, Manly
- 3. Cricket Date and Time (TBC)
- 4. BBSSSA Water Polo Monday 17 October
- 5. BBSSSA Under 13 Touch Monday 24 October
- BBSSSA Surf and Bodyboarding Tuesday 15 November
- 7. BBSSSA Surf Lifesaving Thursday 24 November
- 8. BBSSSA Tennis Tuesday 29 November
- 9. BBSSSA Beach Volleyball Tuesday 29 November (Year 11 only)

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

Mr Tim Emmerson Leader of Sport

DIVERSE LEARNING

Diverse Learning supports all learners at St Paul's and provides dedicated, focused support for students with disabilities who require adjustments. Through the NCCD, schools are required to submit data on the number of students requiring adjustments and the level of support. Details of this data collection can be found on the Australian Government NCCD Parental Fact Sheet. For further information please contact Mr Arthurs, Leader of Diverse Learning.

https://www.nccd.edu.au/sites/default/files/fact%20sheet%20f or%20parents%20guardians%20and%20carers.pdf

Homework Club on Monday Afternoon

Homework club runs each Monday afternoon from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in room S21. All students and subjects are welcome, especially senior students willing to support our junior students.

Homework Club staff:

- Mr Ben Arthurs
- Mrs Trish McGregor
- Ms Julie Jones
- Ms Andrea McKenzie

We look forward to seeing many students there!

Mr Ben Arthurs Leader of Diverse Learning

NOTICEBOARD

September is Safeguarding Month

September is Safeguarding Month in the Diocese of Broken Bay and is an opportunity to highlight the importance of safeguarding and encourage everyone to consider their shared responsibility in keeping children and young people safe.

This year the focus of the month is 'Families' and we hope to encourage everyone to reflect on how family connections promote safety.

Take time in the month to connect with your family, and please share a story, video or a photo of this experience: Submit -Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay (bbcatholic.org.au) The most creative entries will be showcased on the Diocesan Safeguarding Month webpage.



Enrolments and College Tours

We are currently enrolling students in Year 7 2023 and Year 7 2024.

Prospective families are invited to join one of our regular Tours of the College from 9:15am to 10:30am with our Principal, Mr Michael Reid.

To register for a Tour please email stpauls@dbb.catholic.edu.au or telephone our Reception on phone number (02) 9977 5111

Our next Tour dates are:

- Monday 17 October 2022
- Friday 4 November 2022
- Thursday 17 November 2022

MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Position Vacant: Part Time Parish Coordinator, Administration Assistant, 3 days per week

Manly Freshwater Parish is seeking to recruit a part time Parish Coordinator, Administration Assistant, 3 days per week. This role plays an important part in the Parish Team, providing support for Parish groups, parish functions and administration financial processes. We are seeking a candidate with excellent people skills, a comprehensive knowledge of office administration processes and procedures and bookkeeping experience. A sound understanding of Microsoft Office and MYOB is necessary.

An ability to work independently while remaining a team player, with a commitment to be accountable for performance, and an ability to work collaboratively across a wide range of groups, supported by a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings will be crucial to your success.



If this role interests you and you would like to join the Parish Team, please email a brief cover letter and CV to Jenny in the Parish Office

manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au.

SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL – STAGE ARTZ CHARITY MUSICAL 2022

Over the past 20 years, the Stage Artz Theatre Company and Stage Artz Performing Arts School have come together once a year to stage a musical production to raise money for The Children's Hospital at Westmead. Stage Artz Charity Musicals have now raised \$278,000 for the children's hospital. After two years off due to COVID-19, we are excited to be performing again! This year, we are hoping to raise another \$22,000, taking our total hospital donation to a milestone \$300,000.

To celebrate our return to the stage, we are bringing one of our most popular charity shows, Seussical the Musical, back to the Glen Street Theatre stage! Seussical is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza that brings the witty, wild, and whimsical world of Dr Seuss to life. Conceived by Monty Python's Eric Idle, with music by Tony award winners Ahrens & Flaherty, a cast of over 100 performers (including children from the Northern Beaches) and a live band, Seussical is a fun, heart-warming, and sensational show for the whole family.

Seussical the Musical will be performed at the Glen Street Theatre in Belrose from Saturday 24th September to Saturday 1st October (the September school holidays).

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.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

New uniforms may be purchased from Pickles School wear at 43 Carter Street, Brookvale. Phone number 9905 2711

CANTEEN

School Canteen Assistant

Yummy Bears Kiosk Pty Ltd is seeking a School Canteen Assistant to commence immediately - come and join our friendly YBK Team at St Paul's Catholic College Manly.

We are offering a permanent part-time position, 3 days a week and we work 40 weeks per year during school Term only from 8:00am to 2:30pm. (negotiable).

New Employees are required to apply for a Working with Children Check and Food Safety Certificate. Mandatory COVID vaccination proof or valid medical exemption evidence.

For more information, please phone Tania on 0423 855 273

To register for Flexischools, please follow these instructions

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

The cut off time for lunch orders via Flexischools each day is 9:00am.

Tania and Teresa Yummy Bears Kiosk

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:

https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsccmanly

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

BROKEN BAY NEWS

Broken Bay News publications are available via this link:

https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/broken-bay-new s/broken-bay-news-editions

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