



# College Update

April 2025

## Dear St Paul's Catholic College Community,

**“He is not here; he has risen!” (Luke 24:6)**

As we celebrate the Easter season, we are reminded of the deep and enduring message of hope, renewal, and love that lies at the heart of our faith. Easter is not just a time of joyful celebration, but also of quiet reflection. It is a chance to pause and remember that even in the face of difficulty and suffering, hope and light prevails.

The resurrection of Jesus is a powerful reminder that no matter how difficult the journey, there is always the promise of new life and transformation. Jesus' resurrection is a symbol of hope and the joy, lifting our hearts and strengthening our spirits.

In our school community, Easter encourages us to renew our commitment to kindness, compassion, and service. May this season inspire us to carry the light of Christ into our daily lives, and to be a source of hope and encouragement for those around us.

### **Congratulations to our Year 11 House Captains**

I am delighted to announce that we have selected our Year 11 House Captains for 2025. These students have shown impressive leadership and are role models for their peers.

#### **Our 2025 Year 11 House Captains are:**

**Bourke:** Kane Grant & Zara Gard

**Gilroy:** Carlo Ani & Amalie Vaealiki

**Taylor:** Oli Cornish & Lupita Lattin

**Moran:** Aaron Smith & Olivia Lake



### **Important Dates**

As we all look forward to the upcoming holidays and Easter celebrations, I would like to remind parents of a few important dates before the end of term. These dates have been published on Compass from the beginning of the school year.

- **Last Day of Term 1 for Students** – Thursday 10 April 2025
- **Staff Spirituality Day/Pupil Free Day** – Friday 11 April 2025
- **Staff Development Days/Pupil Free Days** - Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 April 2025



## **Staff Updates**

### **Year 10 Leader of Student Wellbeing**

Ms Kate Murphy has decided to step down from the Year 10 Leader of Student Wellbeing role to focus on her teaching. Mrs Murphy will remain at St Paul's as a TAS teacher and continue to be on staff. Mrs Nickie Hayes has been appointed as the Acting Year 10 Leader of Student Wellbeing until the end of the year. Mrs Hayes will oversee the pastoral care and wellbeing of our Year 10 students.

### **Acting Year 8 Leader of Student Wellbeing**

Mrs Kirkpatrick will oversee the pastoral care and wellbeing of our Year 8 students until the end of the year.

### **Leader of Sport and Co-Curricular**

Miss Hannah Thornton has stepped down from the role of Leader of Sport and Co-Curricular to focus on her teaching. I would like to thank Miss Thornton for her leadership of sport and activities and her commitment, enthusiasm and dedication to the role. Mr Fraser Noack has been appointed as Acting Leader of Sport and Co-Curricular for the remainder of 2025.

### **Leader of Dance Program**

Miss Hannah Thornton has been appointed as the Leader of Dance Program for 2025. Miss Thornton is a distinguished professional dancer and an experienced dance instructor. We will be launching our Dance program at the start of Term 2.

## **Canteen**

I would like to inform the community that our current Canteen provider Yummy Bears will be concluding their contract at the end of Term 1.

We have secured a new Canteen provider called Vanilla Blue that has exceptional reviews for quality and service. Lunch orders need to be placed via Flexischools the day before to have lunch delivered the next day. Vanilla Blue Canteens will be providing a limited counter service for St Pauls students and staff. The counter will be open for recess and lunch selling drinks, ice-creams, snacks, fruit, baked goods, and a small amount of hot food. Our new Canteen will be cashless and EFT facilities are available for payment.

Vanilla Blue's Term 2 Menu will be available in Flexischools during school holidays. I recommend that you download the Flexischools App so that you can access their menu.

***Wishing all of you a blessed and joyful Easter season.***



Kind regards,

**Gabie Stojanovski**  
**College Principal**



# Co-Curricular Dance Program

## *Launching Term 2, 2025.*

We are excited to announce the launch of our brand-new Co-Curricular Dance Program, set to begin in Term 2, 2025. This program is designed to empower students to explore their passion for dance while fostering their growth as performers. As part of the College's commitment to providing diverse and enriching extracurricular opportunities, the Dance Program offers students multiple avenues to challenge themselves and develop their skills in a supportive and creative environment.

The program will be led by Miss Hannah Thornton, an experienced educator and accomplished performer with extensive industry experience. Her teaching philosophy revolves around nurturing student growth, encouraging both technical development and artistic expression. Under her leadership, students can expect a dynamic and challenging dance experience that will foster their passion for performance while providing opportunities for personal growth and achievement.

The Co-Curricular Dance Program will consist of two distinct streams tailored to different levels of experience and commitment:

### *Performance Stream (Years 7 to 12)*

The Performance Stream is designed for students who demonstrate advanced dance skills and a strong commitment to growth. This selective group is aimed at those who wish to be challenged in a dedicated Dance team environment, working towards high-level performance opportunities, including participation in Eisteddfods and other prestigious events. Entrance into the Performance Stream is by audition only, ensuring that only the most passionate and skilled dancers are part of this exclusive group.

### *Development Stream (Years 7 to 12)*

The Development Stream is designed for students who are eager to build their dance skills and knowledge while having the opportunity to perform. This troupe offers a more supportive environment for students who may not yet be ready for the Performance Stream but wish to improve their technique, learn new movement patterns, and gain valuable performance experience. The Development Stream focuses on cultivating skills and confidence, setting a solid foundation for future dance opportunities.

The Co-Curricular Dance Program aligns with the College's broader commitment to providing a well-rounded education that supports the development of students in all areas of life. As part of the broader performing arts initiatives at St Paul's Catholic College, this program will continue to evolve and expand in the years to come, providing students with opportunities for growth, creativity, and achievement. Miss Thornton will be running auditions for the Dance program in Term 2 Week 1. Please see Compass Newsfeeds for more information on how to register.





## Year 9 Camp

Our Year 9 students embarked on an unforgettable journey to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. From Wednesday, 19 March until Friday 21 March they stepped outside their comfort zone, embracing new challenges, and strengthening bonds with their classmates.

The camp focused on building friendships, developing resilience, and fostering a strong sense of belonging. Through outdoor activities, team challenges, and reflective sessions, our students sharpened their communication, problem-solving, and leadership skills in a supportive and fun environment.

This experience has not only pushed the students to be independent, but has also reinforced the importance of teamwork, respect, and personal growth. Year 9 students returned to the College with a renewed sense of unity and friendship!



## Year 11 Biology Field Trip

Year 11 Biology students embarked on an exciting field trip to Long Reef headland. They conducted an investigation to observe the distribution and abundance of species along a transect line, gathering firsthand data for their first assessment task.

The excursion focused on understanding the factors that influence the distribution and abundance of organisms in this unique marine ecosystem. It was a successful and engaging day, with students taking full responsibility for their learning and enjoying the hands-on experience!



## Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis Pilgrimage

On Friday 21 March students from the College embarked on a journey to Chatswood to encounter the Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis with students from across Catholic Schools of Broken Bay.

The students were met with the warmest welcome and hospitality from the very generous community and Vicar General Fr David Ranson, who spoke about the significance of the Year of Jubilee, the importance of pilgrimage and life of soon to be canonized in October, Blessed Carlo Acutis' life.

Students spent time in Eucharistic Adoration and prayer teams. The College would like to warmly thank Chatswood Parish and the Youth Ministry Coordinators from across the Diocese for creating the opportunity for "oases of spirituality and places of rest on the pilgrimage of faith" for our youth.



## Harmony Day

Harmony Day is an annual celebration of Australia's cultural diversity and the benefits it brings to the Australian community. On Monday, 24 March, the College held a Harmony Day Assembly, celebrating inclusiveness, respect, and a shared sense of belonging.

Throughout the week's COURAGE sessions, students explored the connection between harmony and courage, each writing what harmony meant to them on individual links. These links were then joined together to form a powerful chain, symbolising unity, and presented at the Harmony Day Assembly before being displayed at the entrance of Waterford Hall for the whole school community to enjoy.

## NSW All Schools Triathlon

A massive congratulations to our outstanding Year 7 Triathlon team who represented St Paul's with pride at the NSW All Schools Triathlon on Thursday, February 27th! Year 7 athletes Joe W (Swim), Grayson J (Cycle), and Jenson T (Run) displayed incredible spirit and determination throughout the entire event!

These three athletes gave it their all, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts. Well done, team – you've set an inspiring standard for future St Paul's athletes!





## RSL and Schools Remember ANZAC Commemoration

We are pleased to announce that Austen, our College Captain, was selected to serve as the Master of Ceremonies at the RSL and Schools Remember ANZAC Commemoration held on Thursday 3rd April at Hyde Park, Sydney. This prestigious event, hosted by the NSW Department of Education, saw the attendance of over 1500 students and teachers from across New South Wales, all gathered to honour the service and sacrifice of Australians who have served in wars and conflicts.

The ceremony, conducted entirely by students, included the role of the Master of Ceremonies, the keynote speaker, readings, and musical performances. Notable dignitaries in attendance included NSW Premier Chris Minns, Governor of New South Wales Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, and Dallas McInerney, CEO of Catholic Schools NSW.

It was an immense privilege for Austen to represent our college in such a distinguished capacity. His leadership and dedication throughout the event exemplified the values we uphold at our school, and his contribution to this meaningful commemoration was deeply appreciated by all.

We congratulate Austen on this remarkable achievement and are proud of the exceptional manner in which he represented our college in this significant event of national importance.



## Peninsula Cup: Touch Football Finals

What an incredible day for St Paul's Catholic College at the Peninsula Cup 2025 Touch Football Finals, held on Monday 24 March 2025!

- Year 7 Boys 1sts: After an intense game, the boys tied and came out on top with a win on count back!
- Year 7 Girls 1sts: Our first-ever girls' team made history and gave it their all, tying the game and finishing as runners-up on count back!
- Year 8 Boys: A hard-fought match, but they finished strong in 2nd place!

Congratulations to all our teams for their hard work and preparation for the Peninsula Cup 2025 competition! We are so excited to build on these incredible results and take it to the next level next season. We are proud of all our athletes for representing St Paul's with passion and pride!



## Mathematics Professional Development

Our Mathematics faculty, in collaboration with colleagues from Mater Maria College, recently had the pleasure of hosting Stuart Palmer, a highly regarded educational consultant. Stuart shared his insights into the new Stage 6 Mathematics syllabuses set to be introduced to Year 11 in 2026.

With his extensive experience as a mathematics teacher, department head, University of Sydney mentor, and textbook author, Stuart's expertise made him an ideal leader for this professional learning session. Our team greatly valued his thorough analysis of the new syllabuses and the teaching resources he generously provided.

The Mathematics faculty are grateful for this opportunity and look forward to preparing for the successful implementation of the new syllabuses.



## Uniform Update

We are currently in a transition period for our College Winter Uniform. Please find below the College uniform expectations for students. All New Students in 2025 are expected to wear the new uniform.



**Year 7-** Students are expected to wear the new uniform. Students are expected to wear the academic, wide brimmed hat for sun protection, to and from school, recess, lunch and excursions.

**Year 8-** Students will be expected to wear the new uniform in Year 10, 2027.

**Year 9-** Students will be expected to wear the new uniform in Year 10, including the blazer, 2026.

**Year 10-** Students are expected to wear the new uniform this year in Year 10. However, students will not be expected to wear the blazer until Year 11, 2026.

**Year 11-** Students are expected to wear the new uniform, including the blazer.

**Year 12-** Students are not expected to wear to the new uniform, but they must wear their blazer from Year 11 or purchase a new blazer.

### ***Please note the following:***

Winter Uniform (Terms 2 & 3)

- Students can wear long or short sleeved shirts.
- Female students: Students can wear socks or tights.
- Students are not permitted to wear non-school uniform clothing under their shirt, blazer or jersey e.g. undershirt or hoodie.
- Students can wear school tracksuit pants or shorts for sporting activities.



Please contact the relevant Leader of Student Wellbeing if you have any questions.



## You are Invited: Pilgrimage Walk & Visit to St. John Vianney Relic Manly!

We would like to invite our St Paul's community to a Pilgrimage walk and visit to St. John Vianney Relic in Manly on Tuesday 22 April 2025.

We will depart at 10:30am from Queenscliff Surf Club, arriving at St Mary's Church at 11:00am where we will hear from Fr Sam French followed by a light lunch.

**RSVP via the QR code. All welcome!**

**BE A PILGRAM OF HOPE!**



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SMALL MIRROR IN WHICH GOD  
SEARCHES FOR HIS REFLECTION."  
- ST. JOHN VIANNEY



### PILGRIMAGE WALK & VISIT TO ST. JOHN VIANNEY RELIC MANLY

**TUESDAY 22 APRIL 2025**

- ✓ 10:30AM START  
QUEENSCLIFF SURF CLUB  
1.4KM WALK FROM QUEENSCLIFF  
TO ST MARY'S CHURCH  
6 RAGLAN STREET, MANLY
- ✓ 11:00AM  
ARRIVE AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH
- ✓ 11.15AM JUBILEE YEAR,  
ST. JOHN VIANNEY RELIC  
PRESENTATION WITH FR. SAM FRENCH
- ✓ 12:15PM  
LIGHT LUNCH
- ✓ 1PM RETURN WALK TO  
QUEENSCLIFF



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PLEASE RSVP



ALL WELCOME

WHAT TO BRING: WATER, HAT AND SUNSCREEN  
PLEASE ALLOW FOR BACK STREET PARKING TO AVOID  
A PARKING FEE AND WALK TO THE QUEENSCLIFF SURF  
CLUB WHERE THE WALK WILL BEGIN AT 10.30AM

## Important Dates

Term 2 commences for students	Wednesday 30 April
ANZAC Day Assembly	Wednesday 30 April
Year 12 Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea	Friday 9 May
Kings Birthday Public Holiday	Monday 9 June
Last Day of Term 2	Thursday 3 July

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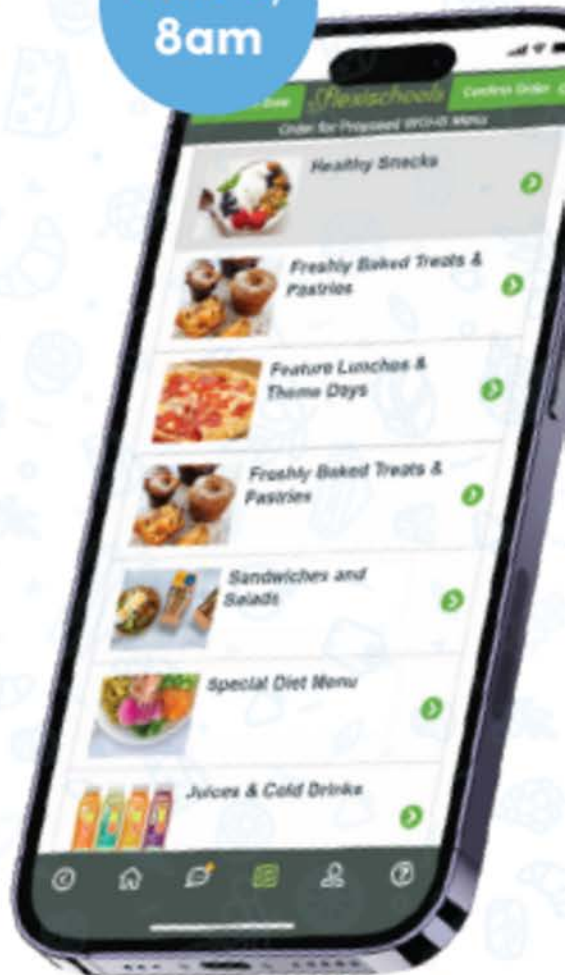
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