



College Update

May 2025

Dear St Paul's Catholic College Community,

"Love one another just as I have loved you" (Jn 13:34)

At the Last Supper Jesus washed the feet of his 12 disciples as a humble act of service, showing the depth of his love. Jesus then gave them a new commandment "Love one another just as I have loved you" (Jn 13:34). As disciples of Christ we are called to be witnesses of God's love in our families, our school and in the community.

Welcome New Assistant Principal: Ms Sam Marshall

Last week we welcomed Ms Sam Marshall our new Assistant Principal: Student Achievement to the College. Ms Marshall has extensive experience in curriculum leadership, has led school improvement projects, successfully transforming learning culture in secondary schools. We are delighted to have her join our Leadership Team and College community.



Staff Updates



Assistant Principal - Mrs Morgan

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Rachel Morgan will be continuing at St Paul's as Assistant Principal until the end of Term 3 to provide continuity of learning for her senior classes and providing support to the Leadership Team in developing a professional learning program for teachers. Mrs Morgan will also be the Religious Education Leader of Learning during this time.

New Receptionist: Student Services – Ms Lauren Burns

We have a new Receptionist: Student Services commencing at St Paul's tomorrow morning. Ms Burns role will include administrative support for our students and assisting at the Reception desk. Ms Burns has extensive experience in customer service and administration and we are delighted to have her join our School Services Team.



Employment Update

We are currently looking for a TAS teacher and Science teacher due to staff movements. The teacher shortage is real and we are doing everything we can to recruit teachers for these vacant teaching positions. These positions are advertised on numerous employment sites, through agencies and recruiters. Catholic Schools Broken Bay, our employer offers 1.5% above the award to attract quality teachers to our schools. We are hoping to fill these positions soon.

Reconciliation Week: 27 May- 3 June

This week we mark an important event in our calendar, National Reconciliation Week. It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements and to explore how each of us can work towards achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme for Reconciliation Week this year “Bridging Now to Next” which reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

This year we have established a First Nation Committee led by a team of staff who meet regularly to work on our Reconciliation Action Plan and create a space where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures are respected and celebrated.

We held a National Reconciliation Week assembly on Monday morning and the First Nations Committee have planned and created activities for students to participate in during Pastoral Care and Courage lessons to learn more about how we can contribute to reconciliation in our school, our community and our nation.



Important Dates

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feast of the Ascension of Jesus• Year 12 Geography Towra Point Fieldwork Excursion	Thursday 29 May
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CSYMA Shine Youth Ministry Conference• CSBB Secondary Cross Country	Friday 30 May
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CSBB Secondary Intermediate and Open Girls Netball• CSBB Secondary Years 10-12 Boys Netball	Wednesday 4 June
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kings Birthday Public Holiday	Monday 9 June 🇦🇺
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CSBB Secondary U13 Girls and Boys Football• Years 10, 11 and 12 Northern Beaches Careers Expo	Thursday 12 June
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 7 Reflection Day	Friday 13 June



Kind regards,

Gabie Stojanovski
College Principal

Mother's Day Celebrations

On Friday 9 May 2025, we joyfully welcomed mothers, grandmothers, significant female figures, and students to two heartfelt celebrations. The day began with the Mother's Day Liturgy and breakfast, a warm and reflective gathering for the entire community that set the tone for gratitude and togetherness. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to express their appreciation and celebrate the invaluable role these women play in their lives.

This was followed by our Annual Year 12 Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea, providing a special moment for Year 12 students to honour the important women in their lives, creating memories that will be cherished for years to come.

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who joined us, making the day truly memorable. Your presence and ongoing support are deeply appreciated and continue to inspire our community.



Honouring the Spirit of ANZAC

The College community came together in a moving assembly to honour the brave men and women who have served and sacrificed for our country. The ANZAC Day ceremony served as a powerful reminder of the courage, resilience, and enduring legacy of our ANZACs.

The assembly featured a heartfelt address by Eliza H (Year 10), and stirring performances from Marli W (Year 7), who played the Last Post on trumpet, and Mr Nicol, who performed *I Was Only 19* on guitar and harmonica. These reflective moments invited the College to pause, remember, and pay tribute. We are incredibly proud of our students and staff for their respectful participation and for helping to keep the ANZAC spirit alive in our community.

Lest we forget.



Year 11: Exploring Career Pathways with SEDA College

Year 11 students had the opportunity to gain valuable insights into future career options through a visit from SEDA College, which presented its renowned Sports and Business Program.

The session featured an inspiring talk from a former student of a local CSSB Catholic College who is now thriving in the program. She shared her personal journey and experiences, offering students a real-world perspective on the opportunities available. Through SEDA's strong partnerships with leading sporting organisations, students also discovered the wide range of roles within the sports industry- highlighting the diverse and dynamic career paths it offers.

This engaging session provided an excellent opportunity for students to begin thinking about their own pathways and passions beyond school.



Year 10 English Dive into Media Literacy at the Manly Writers Festival



Our Year 10 English students recently took part in a dynamic one-day workshop at the Manly Writers Festival, delving into the world of modern media and its influence on public perception. The session focused on how opinion pieces, public relations strategies, and social media influencers shape the news we consume.

Guided by industry professionals- including Gavin Fang and Tracey Kirkland from the ABC, Kim Smee from the Manly Observer, and PR executive Jill Valentine- students gained valuable insights into distinguishing between fact and opinion in today's complex media landscape. The interactive experience also gave students the opportunity to enhance their analytical and persuasive writing skills.

This enriching event not only deepened students' understanding of media but also empowered them to become more critical and informed communicators.

Year 12 Technology and Design Students Explore Innovation in Action

Year 12 students studying Technology and Design Software subjects recently had the unique opportunity to experience Sydney's dynamic design and innovation landscape firsthand. Their journey began with a visit to SHAPE at the Walsh Bay Arts Precinct, where they explored a showcase of outstanding HSC major design projects. They then continued to the iconic Sydney Opera House to participate in Architecture Unboxed, an engaging workshop led by industry experts.

The workshop delved into the design philosophy of Jørn Utzon and explored how architecture can transform urban living and public space. Through sketching, collaboration, and hands-on prototyping, students were able to apply their classroom learning in an inspiring real-world context. This immersive experience offered invaluable insights into the creative process and highlighted the practical relevance of design and technology in shaping the world around us.



Athletics Carnival

On Monday 12 May, St Paul's Catholic College held its annual Athletics Carnival at ES Marks Field, Randwick. This much-anticipated event brought together students and staff in a vibrant celebration of athleticism, participation, and College spirit.

Throughout the day, students competed in a wide range of track and field events, including the 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, and 1500m races, as well as relays, high jump, long jump, discus, and shot put. The level of effort, sportsmanship, and camaraderie displayed was outstanding, reflecting the strong values of our College community.

A special congratulations goes to Moran House, who emerged as the overall winners with 490 points, followed by Gilroy (413), Taylor (315), and Bourke (287). The spirited competition and support between Houses were highlights of the day.

We also acknowledge our age group champions:

Senior Boys - Braylon Digby; **Senior Girls** – Zara Gard;

16 Boys - Luke Hampson; **16 Girls** – Isabella Semos;

15 Boys - Luke Gruber;

14 Boys - Jye Faulkner;

13 Boys - Jenson Ticehurst; **13 Girls** - Ciara Faulkner;

12 Boys - Bennett Crouch; and **12 Girls** - Kiara Parks-Picard.

For many students, the carnival also served as a platform to qualify for representation at the CSBB level, and we look forward to supporting them as they continue to pursue excellence in their sporting endeavours.

We extend our sincere thanks to all staff and students for their enthusiasm and commitment, which contributed to the smooth running and overall success of this key event in our College calendar.



Jump Start Trades Program

Multiplex has launched the Jump Start Trades Program, an initiative designed to support young women exploring careers in the trades. The program began with a site tour of the Royal Far West development in Manly, offering students first-hand insight into life on a real construction site. Through workshops, career events, and site walks, students can explore trade pathways and access work experience and career opportunities through Multiplex and its subcontractors.

This valuable initiative promotes greater female participation in the construction industry and helps students build practical knowledge, confidence, and industry connections for future careers.



Cyber Lab Workshop: Staying Safe Online

Students recently took part in an engaging Cyber Lab workshop run by Charlie from Crazy Ideas College, exploring online safety and how to foster positive digital spaces. MJ from IBM also shared her inspiring tech journey, highlighting the importance of curiosity and continuous learning in a rapidly changing world.

A key takeaway was free student access to IBM SkillsBuild- a global platform offering courses, digital badges, and career insights in tech and business, helping students begin developing future-ready skills today.

Languages in Action: Japanese Cultural and Culinary Experience

Year 9 students deepened their understanding of Japanese language and culture through a hands-on dining experience at Jipang Restaurant on Manly Corso. To complement classroom learning on food and hospitality vocabulary, students ordered their meals in Japanese, practising the language and traditional dining etiquette. From using common phrases to mastering chopsticks, the experience brought language learning to life.

A warm thank you to Jipang Restaurant for their hospitality- Oishii deshita! (It was delicious!)



Host a Japanese student in July 2025!

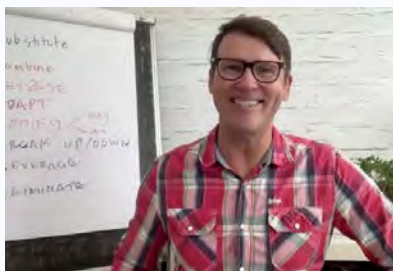
Waseda students from our "sister school" in Tokyo, Japan will visit St Paul's again this year. We are currently looking for homestay families to host a student from Sunday 27th July to Thursday 7th August.



For more information or to register your interest please contact me by email amanda.kibby@dbb.catholic.edu.au or call the College office.

Entrepreneurship Program Sparks Innovation with Guest Speakers

The Broken Bay Cross-Campus Entrepreneurship course has kicked off with two powerhouse guest speakers this term, bringing real-world insight and inspiration into the virtual classroom.



First up was Matt Esterman, educational consultant and entrepreneur, who shared his journey from classroom teacher and school leader to launching his own businesses in app development and AI consulting. Matt emphasised the value of listening, problem-solving, and working with great people. His key message: "You're not selling a product, you're selling what people feel when they use it."

One student reflected, "It made me realise you don't need to be a tech expert- you just need to solve a real problem." Another added, "He made the idea of starting something feel less scary." Students appreciated the authenticity of Matt's story and the clear message that entrepreneurial thinking begins with curiosity and empathy.

Later in the term, students were treated to a high-energy creativity masterclass from innovation futurist Nils Vesik. Nils shared practical ways to generate and refine ideas, using relatable examples—like a cupcake stand that cleverly used PayID to attract customers—to show how small changes can lead to big results. Introducing tools like the SCAMPER technique, he challenged students to exercise their creative muscles and embrace “idea sprints.”

One Year 10 student shared, "I liked how Nils gave real examples of how simple ideas can become a business. The cupcake story with PayID was genius." Another said, "The 'use your brain like a muscle' idea really stuck with me. I'm going to try the 20 ideas in 5 minutes challenge."

These sessions not only expanded students' entrepreneurial toolkits but also boosted their confidence to think differently and take initiative. Many students have since begun developing their own business ideas, with growing enthusiasm and collaboration across schools. With projects like the Sydney Metro Minds Challenge underway and pitch presentations on the horizon, these learning experiences weren't just motivational- they were practical, energising, and aligned with the entrepreneurial mindset we aim to build.

Entrepreneurship is alive and well in our schools- and it's only just getting started.



Students In The Spotlight

Starlight Super Swim: Kai C (Year 10) and Cody C (Year 8)

We congratulate Year 10 student Kai C and his younger brother Cody C from Year 8 for their recent participation in the Starlight Super Swim- Australia's largest charity swim event dedicated to supporting seriously ill children.

Together, Kai and Cody swam an impressive 26 kilometres, raising \$388 for the Starlight Children's Foundation. Their generosity, determination, and commitment to giving back exemplify the core values we nurture here at St Paul's Catholic College.

Well done to both Kai and Cody for their outstanding effort and community spirit.



Canberra Marathon: Hunter D (Year 12)

During the April school holidays, Year 12 student Hunter D took on an extraordinary challenge by completing the Canberra Marathon, a demanding 42.2km course that passes through some of Canberra's most iconic landmarks.

From Parliament House to Commonwealth Avenue Bridge, past State Circle, Weston Park, and the Glenloch Interchange, Hunter demonstrated remarkable determination and resilience, finishing with an impressive time of 3:01.

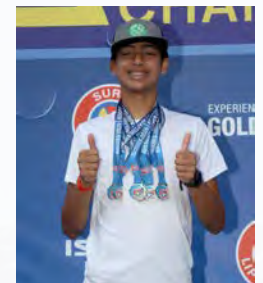
This outstanding achievement reflects Hunter's dedication, discipline, and hard work- qualities we proudly celebrate at St Paul's Catholic College. Congratulations, Hunter, on this remarkable accomplishment.

Australian Surf Titles Success: Aidan D (Year 9)

We are proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of Aidan at the recent Australian Surf Titles held in Queensland. Competing in six events- Beach Run (500m), Beach Sprint (70m), Beach Flags, Board Race, Wade Race, and Surf Race- Aidan demonstrated exceptional skill, determination, and athleticism.

Remarkably, Aidan secured gold medals in all six events, continuing his success from last year where he also placed first across the board. His performance is a testament to his dedication, discipline, and passion for surf lifesaving.

Congratulations, Aidan, on this remarkable accomplishment. Your achievements are an inspiration to the St Paul's community.



Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP)

FREE Webinars During June

THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP

A BOOK READING BY BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD, BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG.

A special Jubilee Year of Hope event in the week of **Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly**.

Get cosy and comfortable with the kids and join this online literacy event aimed at encouraging reading at home.

Tuesday 27 May | 7pm – 7.30pm | See Compass feed for booking link



A PARENT'S ROADMAP TO CAREERS AND PATHWAYS

LEARN HOW TO IDENTIFY AND LEVERAGE YOUR CHILD'S STRENGTHS

For parents and carers of Years 7–10 students, Presented by Beyond

Wednesday 4 June | 7pm – 8pm | See Compass feed for booking link

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD THROUGH THE HSC

HELP YOUR CHILD NAVIGATE THE PRESSURES OF THE HSC

For parents and carers of Years 11–12 students, Presented by Beyond

Wednesday 11 June | 7pm – 8pm | See Compass feed for booking link



PARENTAL CONTROLS

USING PARENTAL CONTROLS TO HELP PROTECT YOUR CHILD ONLINE

For parents and carers of primary school students, Presented by eSafety Commissioner Team.

Thursday 19 June 2025 | 12.30 – 1.15pm | See Compass feed for booking link

PARENTING TWEENS: WHAT KIDS NEED NOW, BEFORE THE TEEN YEARS

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS 8+.

Presented by Michelle Mitchell

Tuesday 24 June | 7pm - 8pm | See Compass feed for booking link



PARENTING TEENS: STAYING CONNECTED THROUGH THE TEEN YEARS

PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL KIDS 12+

Presented by Michelle Mitchell

Wednesday 25 June | 7pm - 8pm | See Compass feed for booking link

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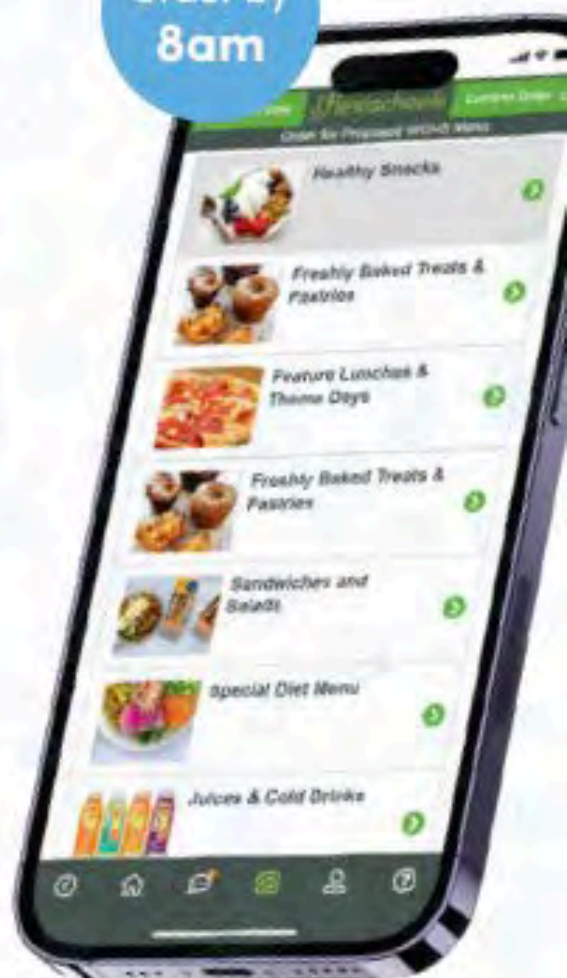
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