



# College Update

February 2026

## Principal's Message



The year has begun with wonderful energy and connection across our College community. A series of engaging events has brought families, staff, and students together, while giving our young people opportunities to lead, collaborate, and showcase their many gifts and talents.

### Year 7 Meet and Greet Evening

Our annual Year 7 Parent Meet and Greet Evening was a fantastic event, warmly attended by our new Year 7 parents and carers. The evening offered families the chance to meet the College Executive, Mr Chapman, and our dedicated Pastoral Care teachers, as well as connect with one another.



Families received key information about College life before visiting their child's Pastoral Care classroom, gaining valuable insight into daily routines and expectations. The evening concluded with a relaxed BBQ prepared by our Leaders of Learning, creating a welcoming atmosphere for parents to build relationships within their child's cohort.



### College Swimming Carnival

The College Swimming Carnival, held on Monday 23 February at the Manly Aquatic Centre, was a wonderful success. Our students filled the day with spirited competition, enthusiastic cheering and impressive displays of talent in the pool. It was especially exciting to have our Year 5 and 6 students from the Junior Campus join us, adding to the energy and sense of community.

We were delighted to see so many families in attendance, supporting our swimmers and contributing to the vibrant atmosphere. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a memorable event for our college community.

Read more in this newsletter about some of the results from our Swimming Carnival.



### Diocesan Schools Staff Mass – Honouring St Paul’s Staff

The Diocesan Schools Staff Mass was a meaningful celebration of faith, service and community as we marked the 40th anniversary of our Diocese and looked with anticipation toward the future of Catholic education. A highlight of the evening was the ceremonial passing of the Message Stick in preparation for the Catholic Schools NSW Spirit Country Conference, which Catholic Schools Broken Bay will proudly host in October 2027.

Representing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and St Paul’s with pride, Mrs Hayes and Year 8 student Maverick were invited to pass the Message Stick to the Director of Schools, Danny Casey, symbolising our Diocese’s role as the future host of this significant gathering.

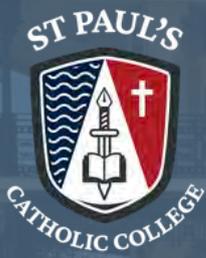
The Mass also provided a special moment to acknowledge leadership and long-standing service within Catholic education. Our Assistant Principals, Ms Sam Marshall and Ms Jamie Lee Wood, along with Mr Luke Moxon, Head of Junior School, were formally commissioned by Bishop Anthony.

We also celebrated extraordinary milestones of dedication:

- Ms Julie Hearn – 50 years of service
- Mr John Camilleri – 60 years of service

We extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Ms Hearn and Mr Camilleri for their unwavering commitment to Catholic education. Their decades of service reflect not just a career, but a true vocation lived with generosity, faith and heart. Their impact on countless students, families and colleagues is deeply appreciated.





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## **St Paul's Manly Campus Open Day, Thursday 5 March**

On Thursday 5 March, we will open our College doors for the 2026 Open Day, and we warmly invite both prospective and existing families to join us from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore our College, experience our vibrant community, and see first-hand, the spirit of St Paul's. The afternoon will showcase our students' gifts and talents, provide the chance to meet our dedicated teachers and staff, and offer a glimpse into our dynamic learning environment in action. Families are invited to enjoy a complimentary BBQ dinner.

## **Student Early Dismissal, Thursday 5 March - 1:15pm**

Students will be dismissed early at 1:15pm on Thursday 5 March to allow time for the teachers and staff to prepare for the Open Day events and activities.

## **St Paul's Junior Campus Open Day, Monday 9 March - 9:30am to 11:00am**

We invite prospective families to the Open Day at the St Paul's Junior Campus to learn more about our Stage 3 Specialist Hub and to enjoy a tour of our new Junior Campus. Details are in our Open Day flyer.

Warm regards,

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



**OPEN DAYS**  
St Paul's Catholic College

**Secondary Campus, Manly**  
Thursday 5 March, 3:30pm-6:30pm

**Junior Campus, Balgowlah**  
Monday 9 March, 9:30am-11:00am

Meet with our Principal and take a first hand look at our learning environment

**A SAFE AND INCLUSIVE CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE COMMUNITY WHERE STUDENTS ARE INSPIRED TO BE THEIR BEST**

At St Paul's Catholic College, every student is valued and encouraged to thrive.

As a co-educational Years 5-12 Catholic College on the Northern Beaches, we nurture the unique gifts and talents of every young person. Grounded in faith and strong values, we focus on the holistic development of each individual, academically, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually.

We offer every student the chance to discover their strengths, embrace new challenges and strive for excellence, making a positive difference in the world. Together, we journey towards excellence.

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**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**  
Broken Bay

## 2026 Important Dates

### TERM 1

- Thursday 5 March | St Paul's Open Day - 3:30pm-6:30pm
- Monday 9 March | St Paul's Junior Campus Open Day - 9:30am-11:00am
- Monday 9 March to Monday 23 March | NAPLAN Testing Period
- Saturday 14 March | Manly Freshwater Parish 'Waves of Grace Musical Concert', Stella Maris College, Manly - 5:00pm
- Friday 27 March | St Paul's Trivia Night and Fundraiser, Waterford Hall - 6:30pm
- Friday 2 April | Term 1 concludes

### TERM 2

- Monday 20 April and Tuesday 21 April | Staff Development Days and Pupil Free Days
- Wednesday 22 April | Term 2 commences
- Friday 8 May | Mother's Day Liturgy and Morning Tea
- Friday 5 June | Staff Spirituality Day and Pupil Free Day
- Tuesday 30 June | St Paul's Feast Day
- Thursday 2 July | Term 2 concludes
- Friday 3 July | Staff Development Day and Pupil Free Day

### TERM 3

- Monday 20 July | Term 3 commences
- Friday 24 July | Grandparents Liturgy & Morning Tea
- Tuesday 25 August | Athletics Carnival
- Friday 4 September | Father's Day Liturgy & Breakfast
- Friday 25 September | Term 3 concludes

### TERM 4

- Monday 12 October | Term 4 commences
- Tuesday 13 October | HSC written exams commence
- Thursday 5 November | HSC written exams finish
- Tuesday 1 December | Arts On The Grass
- Tuesday 15 December | Term 4 concludes
- Wednesday 16 December | HSC results released

## Class of 2031, Year 7 2026

On 29 January 2026, we were delighted to welcome the Class of 2031 to campus for their Year 7 Orientation Day, along with new students joining us in Years 8–11. The day marked an important milestone as these young people began their transition into secondary school and their journey as members of our College community.

Students arrived with a mix of excitement, curiosity, anticipation and first-day nerves, quickly settling into activities designed to help them connect with peers, meet key staff, and become familiar with their new learning environment. The day offered a warm introduction to the culture and spirit of St Paul's.



## Opening of the St Paul's Junior Campus

It was a significant moment in the history of St Paul's Catholic College, as our first students commenced learning at the new Junior Campus in Balgowlah on 29 January 2026. This milestone celebrates our vision and commitment to creating an inspiring educational environment for our youngest learners.

The atmosphere throughout the first day was warm and welcoming, with students exploring their new surroundings, meeting staff, and beginning to form the connections that will shape their St Paul's journey. For our foundation families, this day also marks the beginning of a partnership built on trust, shared values, and a commitment to helping every child thrive.

Our inaugural Year 5 and Year 6 cohort have eagerly settled into the Stage 3 Hub at Balgowlah. The Hub is an innovative learning space designed to spark curiosity, encourage collaboration, and nurture a genuine love of learning. It has been thoughtfully created to support students academically, socially, and emotionally, ensuring they are well prepared for a smooth and successful transition into high school.

We wish our Junior Campus families a heartfelt, warm welcome to St Paul's College. The journey begins and we are thrilled to walk it with you.



## Welcome Mass

Our College community gathered in the Waterford Hall for the annual Welcome Mass, a cherished tradition that marks the beginning of the school year. This celebration of the Eucharist brought together students, staff, and families, with a special focus on welcoming those who are new to our community, including the foundation students and families of our Junior Campus in Balgowlah.

The atmosphere was one of gratitude, unity, and hope as we prayed together for God's blessings over the year ahead. Moments like these remind us of the strength of our shared faith and the importance of beginning the year grounded in prayer and purpose.

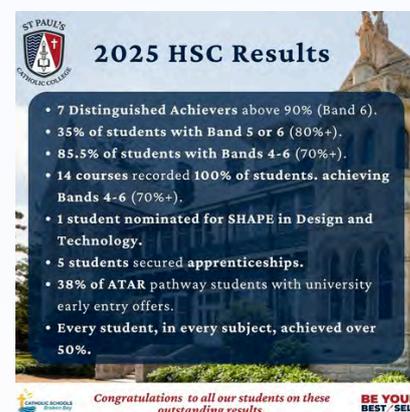
We were honoured to have Fr Sam and Seminarian Alfred lead the celebration. Fr Sam's thoughtful and uplifting homily set a positive tone for the months to come, encouraging our students to approach the year with openness, courage, and a spirit of kindness.

As we look forward to all that 2026 will bring, we pray that love guides our actions, that welcome shapes our relationships, and that hope inspires our learning and growth. May this year be one in which our community continues to flourish in faith and friendship.



## 2025 HSC Results: Celebrating Excellence

St Paul's College proudly celebrated the exceptional achievements of our Year 12 students in the 2025 Higher School Certificate. The results reflect not only strong academic performance, but the character, resilience, and determination our students have shown throughout their senior years. Our graduates' success is the product of a genuine partnership between students, families, and staff. The commitment to high expectations, personalised learning, and a culture that values effort as much as achievement has once again delivered outstanding outcomes across a wide range of subjects.



As our Year 12 graduates step into the next chapter, whether further study, apprenticeships, or emerging career pathways, we send them with every blessing. Their accomplishments this year are only the beginning, and we look forward to seeing the many ways they will continue to grow, contribute, and shine.

## HSC 2025 High Achievers Assembly & Morning Tea

We were delighted to welcome back our HSC High Achievers from the Class of 2025 for a special award presentation and morning tea to celebrate their impressive results as well as the character, effort and growth that defined their senior years.

These students approached their studies with dedication and tenacity, consistently striving to make the most of their gifts and potential. Their journey through Years 11 and 12 was a time of developing resilience, discovering personal strengths, and learning to value their own capabilities. Along the way, they faced challenges, embraced opportunities, and demonstrated that hard work, self-belief, and personal pride are the true markers of achievement.

As we recognised each student, it was clear that their accomplishments extend well beyond what appears on a results page. They have grown into confident, capable young adults who understand the value of perseverance and the importance of striving for excellence.

Congratulations to our High Achievers. You have made your teachers and families proud.



## Year 3 Students Visit Day

We were thrilled to welcome Year 3 students from our local CSBB Catholic Primary Schools for our annual Links Days. These visits offer young learners an early glimpse into high-school life and help build confidence as they imagine their future transition into secondary education.

Guided by our Year 10 Peer Support Leaders, the students experienced a dynamic program of hands-on lessons and activities across a range of subject areas. The day included sports sessions, art and music workshops, science experiments, and Japanese cultural activities. Each experience was designed to spark curiosity, encourage participation, and showcase the breadth of learning opportunities available at St Paul's.

The enthusiasm of the visiting students was evident throughout the day as they explored new spaces, tried new skills, and engaged with our staff and student leaders. Their excitement created a wonderful atmosphere on campus and highlighted the value of building early connections between our College and local Catholic primary schools.

These Links Days continue to strengthen our partnerships within the CSBB community and help young learners feel welcomed, supported, and inspired as they look ahead to their secondary schooling journey.



## Ash Wednesday Liturgy

The College community gathered to mark Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent—a sacred season of reflection, repentance, and renewal in the Church’s year. This liturgical moment invited students and staff to pause, turn inward, and consider how we might grow in faith and deepen our relationship with God.

As the ashes were placed on our foreheads, we were reminded of our humanity and our call to transformation. The symbolism of the ashes encouraged us to reflect on the ways we can be more compassionate, more mindful, and more attentive to the needs of others.

Across the College, the liturgy created a quiet and reverent atmosphere, offering space for prayer and contemplation. It also challenged us to consider how we can bring greater kindness, humility, and hope into our daily lives—within our classrooms, our friendships, our families, and the wider world.

Lent invites us to become better to ourselves, to one another, and to creation. We are encouraged to be guided towards deeper prayer, renewed purpose, and a spirit of generosity as we journey together toward Easter.



## Design & Technology Excursion to Porters Models

Our Year 12 Design & Technology students enjoyed an inspiring and highly informative excursion to Porter Models, a renowned company that has been producing world-class architectural and film models since 1973. The visit offered students a rare behind-the-scenes look at how professional model makers bring complex concepts to life with precision and creativity.

Throughout the tour, students explored the sophisticated processes that underpin Porter Models’ work. They were introduced to a range of advanced technologies, including CNC milling, laser cutting, 3D modelling, 3D printing, precision computer programming, and innovative lighting techniques. Seeing these tools in action helped students connect their classroom learning with real-world industry practice, deepening their understanding of design workflows and the craftsmanship required to produce high-quality professional models.

The experience also highlighted the diverse career pathways available within the design and manufacturing industries, sparking curiosity and motivation among students as they prepare for their HSC major projects.



## Swimming Carnival Wrap-up

The annual College Swimming carnival took place last Monday at Manly Aquatic Centre, marking an exciting milestone as our Junior Campus joined us for the first time. Their enthusiasm and energy added to the competition of the pool. We saw impressive racing across all year levels.

House spirit was on full display, especially thanks to our Year 11 & 12 students, who led the way in their colourful fancy dress. Their efforts created a fun and supportive atmosphere that carried throughout the full day of events.

The highlight of the day was the St Paul's Gift where the fastest 8 girls and 8 boys in the 50m Freestyle went head-to-head to claim the overall crown. The results of the Gift are listed below. Age champions and overall swimming house champion will be announced at assembly next week and will be published in the next edition of the newsletter.



**ST PAUL'S  
FEMALE GIFT**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Briana D
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Isabelle H
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Daisy M
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Philippa F
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Zoe S
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Ayla G
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Jackie N
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Jasmine S

Courage | Compassion | Stewardship



**ST PAUL'S  
MALE GIFT**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ben H
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Heath S
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Max M
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Finn B
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Kyahn H
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Keiran H
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Baylen R
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Sean M

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## Manly Warringah Basketball Competition

The Manly Warringah Basketball Competition is underway, and St Paul's teams have made a confident start to the season. Basketball has been a proud part of College life, and this year's participation continues that tradition with enthusiasm and depth across all year groups.

Trials for the Semester One competition were held earlier in the year, with a strong turnout of students eager to represent the College. With the competition now underway, games are being played across multiple evenings each week due to the size and popularity of the league. St Paul's teams are on court on most nights, showcasing skill, teamwork, and determination.

Early results have been promising, with all teams beginning the season strongly. While finals are still some distance away, the opening rounds have highlighted the talent and commitment within each squad. Coaches have noted steady improvement already, with players settling into their roles and developing cohesion as the season progresses.

A full breakdown of each team's performance will feature in the next edition of the College news.

## Peninsula Cup Touch Football

The Peninsula Cup Touch Football competition kicked off two weeks ago and games are played on Mondays at Nolan's Reserve. St Paul's has fielded eight teams across the various divisions, and while results have been mixed, the overall standard of play has lifted significantly since the opening round.

Across the first fortnight, students have shown growing confidence, improved teamwork, and a strong competitive spirit. As the competition moves closer to the finals, our Open Boys, Year 8/9 Girls Navy, and Year 8/9 Boys Navy teams remain undefeated. This is an impressive achievement that reflects their skill, discipline, and commitment.

The coming weeks promise exciting matches and plenty of opportunities for our teams to secure their place in the finals. We look forward to sharing updates as the competition progresses and wish all players the very best for the rounds ahead.

## Upcoming Trials and Information

Our representative sporting trials and co-curricular activities have kicked off for the new year and students are encouraged to join the 2026 St Paul's Sport Google classroom page. The code for this page is **sfsq66nl**. This page will be updated on a weekly basis for all upcoming trials and training, and will be one source of key sporting information. If your child is finding it difficult to locate information or the google classroom page please contact Mr Kember via the school office. If there are any changes to the trials and training, due to wet weather or other reason, these will be posted by 6:00am each day.

## St Paul's Trivia Night Fundraiser

St Paul's are hosting a Trivia Night on Friday 27 March. This is a Parent Partnership Group initiative and an opportunity for us to strengthen our connections with our St Paul's families.

The Trivia Night is a parent and carer only event and will be a fundraiser for the Caritas' Project Compassion Appeal.

### The Theme for the Trivia Night is the Ultimate 90s Decade

It's time to dust off the double denim, flannel shirt, ripped jeans, bomber jackets, hyper-colour shirt, crop tops, bubble skirt, stretchy belt, bucket hats, bangles, chokers, high-top sneakers – and get ready to hit the fashion runway in your 90s style.

The night will include trivia, raffles, games, prizes for best dressed individuals and best 90s table decorations.

BYO food and drinks for your table.

**Date:** Friday 27 March 2026

**Time:** 6:30pm arrival for a 7:00pm start

**Venue:** Waterford Hall, St Paul's College, Manly

**Ticket price:** \$25 per person, tables of 8-10

You can purchase tickets for the Trivia Night via TryBooking for \$25 per person.

The link is:

[www.trybooking.com/DKCYI](http://www.trybooking.com/DKCYI)



### Request for Prize Donations

We are looking for prize donations, big or small, for our raffles, games and trivia winners on the night. Donations may include, vouchers, products, services or gift packs. Your support would help us raise funds for Caritas and we would be delighted to acknowledge your business on the night. Please email [stpaulsmanlytrivianight@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsmanlytrivianight@gmail.com) if you can donate any prizes.

We are looking forward to a fun night of 90s Trivia with our St Paul's parents and staff.

## Council of Catholic Schools Parents

Since 1995, the Council of Catholic School Parents NSW (CCSP) has been the state peak body officially recognised by the Bishops of NSW to provide leadership, advocacy and support for parents and carers of children and young people in all NSW Catholic schools and represent their interests at state and national level.

Their website is [www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au) and provides information about Catholic education, CCSP activities as well as events and resources for families in NSW.

We encourage our families to subscribe to CSP to receive important information about how you can support your children with their Catholic education.

Parent Talk is their newsletter, and the first issue for 2026, has just been released. We encourage you to read it [ccsp.schoolzineplus.com/parent-talk-enews?nid=47](http://ccsp.schoolzineplus.com/parent-talk-enews?nid=47)



The next CSP event is a webinar on Supporting Healthy Tech Use. The link to register is: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4676258588802870618>



## Parish Anniversary Schools Concert, Waves of Grace

As Manly Freshwater Parish marks its 150th anniversary of faith, community and Catholic education, we invite you to a special evening where our parish schools join together in harmony.

**Waves of Grace** brings together the voices and musical talents of students from St Paul's College Manly, St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School Freshwater, St Mary's Catholic Primary School Manly, and Stella Maris College Manly.

Join us and enjoy a vibrant program of choral and band performances from these talented musicians.

The concert will take place at the Star of the Sea Theatre, Stella Maris College, Manly, from 5pm onwards.

Tickets are available via [this link](#).



*MANLY FRESHWATER*  
*PARISH*

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Schools Concert

*Waves of Grace*

Join us for a night of musical and band performances by students from:  
*St John the Baptist, Freshwater*  
*St Mary's, Manly*  
*St Paul's College, Manly*  
*Stella Maris College, Manly*

**Saturday 14 March**  
**5:00pm onwards**

Star of the Sea Theatre,  
Stella Maris College, Manly

**Ticket Prices: Adult \$15 and Child \$5**  
Tickets can be purchased through [TryBooking](#)