



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **St Paul's Catholic College Manly Celebrates 95 Years of Excellence, Welcoming New Milestones in 2025**

St Paul's Catholic College at Manly celebrated its 95th anniversary on Friday 15 November, a significant milestone in continuing educational excellence, community, and tradition on the Northern Beaches.

However, the College, one of the 45 Schools operated by Catholic Schools Broken Bay, also has its eyes on the future as it prepares to welcome girls to the school next year and transitions to a co-educational model.

The College has also broken new ground with the appointment of its first female principal to lead the change.

Since its founding in 1929, St Paul's, previously Christian Brothers College has proudly nurtured generations of young men to grow in knowledge, faith, and character. The decision to transition to a co-educational model in 2025 reflects the college's commitment to adapting to the evolving needs of families in the area and supports the college's vision of providing an inclusive and enriched environment where all students, are encouraged to reach their full potential.

"St Paul's Catholic College has a long and proud legacy, and this transition marks an important new chapter. The values of faith, compassion, and courage that define St Paul's will be shared by all students, creating a truly welcoming environment for all. I look forward to seeing how these changes will enrich not only the school community but also the broader Northern Beaches", said Bishop Anthony Randazzo following a Mass attended by staff, students and alumni.

Director of Catholic Schools Broken Bay, Danny Casey added, "We are thrilled to see our community's support for this historic step. Moving to co-education is about enhancing our community, providing greater options for Northern Beaches families, and fostering an environment where all students can thrive together."

The new senior co-education cohort was to begin next year with Year 7 and 11, however due to community interest the College will now welcome girls in years 7, 10, 11.

The new College chapter also begins with the appointment of Ms Gabie Stojanovski. Originally a HSIE Coordinator and RE teacher at the College, Ms Stojanovski now returns as Principal – something she likened to "coming home" and leading the school into its next phase of growth and development.

With high enrolments confirmed for the three co-educational years in 2025, Ms Stojanovski will lead the school into its next phase of growth and development, reinforcing St Paul's commitment to diversity, innovation, and strengthening its role in the Northern Beaches educational landscape.

She will also oversee planning for the College's centenary celebrations in 2029 and look forward to the first co-educational graduating class.

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### ***General Information***

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*Further information on Towards 2025 is available at the CSBB website  
[Our Strategy - Towards 2025 - Catholic Schools \(csbb.catholic.edu.au\)](https://csbb.catholic.edu.au)*