



College Update

Edition 1

Dear St Paul's Catholic College Community,

The past few weeks have continued to be extremely busy with all of our students heavily engaged in their learning and extra-curricular opportunities within our College. Our staff have been implementing our new student behaviour management and academic support procedures, including our new Journey To Excellence (student goal setting) initiative. As a result, we have seen an overall improvement in student behaviour, and commitment and dedication to their learning. We have recently conducted our Leaders of Student Wellbeing annual conference and it made improvements to our current Courage Wellbeing Programs and Scope and Sequences for 2025.

We are excited to announce a significant development at St Paul's Catholic College; the expansion of **co-education** across our entire Senior College starting next year. Initially, we planned to open Year 11 to female enrolments, but due to interest from families and the wider community, we have decided to extend coeducation to include Years 10, 11, and 12 for 2025. This expansion is a key component of our new senior program, which features a dedicated senior school uniform and a wide range of subject offerings designed to support the diverse academic and personal growth of our students.

As we prepare for this exciting transition, we are actively upgrading our facilities to better support the independent learning and group study needs of our students. Enhancements to our learning spaces will create an environment that fosters academic excellence and collaboration.

Additionally, new Year 10 students enrolling in 2025 will have the unique opportunity to participate in our HSC acceleration program. This program is designed to challenge students and provide them with a head start on their HSC journey, setting them up for success in their final years of schooling.

Our current Year 12 students have completed their Trial HSC Examination Program. Our dedicated staff are eager to review their assessments and provide valuable feedback as they prepare for their upcoming external HSC examinations.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for our Year 7 Transition program. This program will welcome our parent community and the students who will begin their educational journey at St Paul's in 2025. This program marks the start of an exciting new chapter in our co-educational environment.



This expansion marks a new era for St Paul's College, underscoring our commitment to providing a dynamic, inclusive, and forward-thinking educational experience for all our students. We are excited about the positive impact this will have on our school community and the opportunities it will bring.

Mark Robinson

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Head of College

2025 Enrolments

We are looking forward to our Year 7 orientation workshops that will be held during Term 3 and 4 where we will welcome our 2025 Year 7 cohort to the College.

For Year 7 2026, we have had over 300 applications, 200 of which, have been offered. This high number of enrolment applications reflects our recent community consultation regarding the demand for additional Catholic co-education on the Northern Beaches.

We encourage and are still accepting co-educational enrolments for Year 11 2025. We have an initial co-education balance for Year 11 of over 40% of the cohort make up being female.

Recently we communicated to our wider school community that our co-educational offering would extend to Years 10, 11, 12 due to parent demand. We are currently progressing through the enrolment process for Years 10 and 12, **APPLY NOW**.

Enquire with our College Registrar at enrolments@dbb.catholic.edu.au should you be interested in enrolment at St Paul's.



Infrastructure

We are pleased to announce a series of significant infrastructure improvements across our College.

- The **junior food technology kitchen** has been meticulously refurbished, featuring state-of-the-art appliances and updated workspaces.
- A **new shaded seating area** is currently under construction and will provide students with a comfortable outdoor learning space.
- We have also completed the construction of **new female and male bathrooms** and change rooms.
- There is **upgraded access** to our futsal and basketball courts with a new path and stairs.
- The **futsal court has undergone resurfacing** and necessary repairs.
- A **Year 12 Hub** has been established to support our senior students.
- A **review of current seating areas** for students to use during recess and lunch breaks.

These upgrades reflect our ongoing commitment to enhancing the educational environment for our students at St Paul's.

Uniform

Beginning in 2025, the Junior Uniform will be worn by students from Year 7 to Year 9, while the Senior Uniform will be reserved for students from Year 10 to 12. This division not only provides continuity for our senior students but also fosters a sense of responsibility and pride among our Year 10 cohort.

All New Students in 2025:

Year 7 to Year 12 will be expected to wear the full newly introduced uniform.

2024 Currently Enrolled Students for 2025:

Year 8 2025 students may remain in the existing uniform throughout 2025, however, only new uniform items will be available to families for purchase from our uniform supplier Pickles.

Year 9 2025 students may remain in the existing uniform for 2025, however, only new uniform items will be available to families for purchase from our uniform supplier Pickles.

Year 10 2025 students will adopt the newly introduced Senior Uniform. The Senior Uniform is worn throughout Years 10 – 12.

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Year 12 2025 students may remain in the existing uniform throughout 2025 and will be gifted the new senior tie in Term 3 2024.

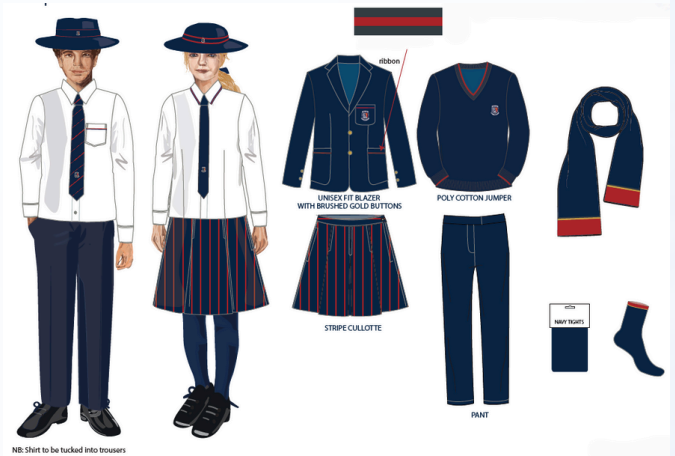
From mid Term 4 our new uniforms will be available for purchase from our supplier Pickles at Brookvale. A confirmed date will be communicated in due course.



Junior (Years 7-9) Summer



Junior (Years 7-9) Winter



Senior (Years 10-12) Summer



Senior (Years 10-12) Winter



Transport

From Term 4, our Precinct Bus Transport service to St Paul's will commence its services for our current students.

This bus will serve the Belrose, Killarney Heights, Forestville, Frenchs Forest, Seaforth, Balgowlah and Fairlight suburbs to support those families that have limited bus transportation opportunities to St Paul's.

This will be a trial run throughout Term 4, and will include a scope for expansion for the future. Below are the current bus stops and times for the trial during Term 4.

Further accessibility information will be provided later this term.

St Paul's Belrose Route	Morning	Afternoon
Belrose, Pringle Ave opp Rlaston Ave Shops	7:32	16:27
Belrose, Hakea Ave at Kyeema Pde	7:35	16:24
Belrose, Glenrose Village Shopping Centre, Glen St	7:38	16:21
Belrose, Forest Way opp Bambara Oval	7:41	16:18
Killarney Heights, Starkey St opp Killarney Heights HS	7:50	16:11
Forestville, Melwood Oval, Melwood Ave	7:54	16:08
Forestville, Starkey St at Warringah Rd	7:57	16:04
Frenchs Forest, Northern Beaches Hospital, Warringah Rd	8:01	15:59
Seaforth, Wakehurst Pkwy at Judith St	8:08	15:52
Seaforth, Clontarf St opp Callicoma Rd	8:11	15:49
Balgowlah, Ethel St at Coral St	8:15	15:45
Balgowlah, White St before Orchard St	8:19	15:41
Fairlight, Lauderdale Ave at Wood Pde	8:22	15:38
St Paul's Catholic College Manly, Darley Rd	8:30	15:30



Staffing

As a part of the rapid transformation and growth of the College and Precinct, we have appointed a second Assistant Principal.

Mr John Hunt has been appointed as Assistant Principal (Years 7, 9, 11) for the remainder of the year. **Ms Karen Shawcross** will oversee the management of Years 8, 10, 12. Both Assistant Principals have leadership portfolios which include Religious Education, Teaching and Learning, and Wellbeing.

Waseda Junior High School Visit

At the commencement of this term we welcomed our sister school from Tokyo, Japan- Waseda Junior High school. From surveying the students about Australian breakfast foods and snack foods, to learning about Waseda school life and sports, through various games and activities the students had a great time and improved their Japanese language and cultural knowledge of Japan.

We would like to thank Waseda Junior high school for visiting us this year, we look forward to seeing you again next year. We would also like to extend a thank you to our lovely host families, who generously hosted the students for the duration of their time at St Paul's Catholic College.



Grandparents Day

We hosted our heartwarming Grandparents Day Morning Tea and Liturgy on Thursday 25th July.

Our students treated their grandparents to morning tea, complete with a gift to show their appreciation whilst taking in the beautiful live music.

Thank you to all our beloved grandparents for attending this special morning.

Student Spotlight

Congratulations to Year 10 student **Marlee T.** and Year 9 student **Zac G.** who have been selected for the **NSW Waratahs Rugby Union U15** Gen Blue Team, Team Waugh!

The team will all compete in the Next Gen Cup on 21-22 September at Camden Rugby Club.

Best of luck in your upcoming games!



Zac G.



Marlee T.

Bullying No Way: National Week of Action

During National Week of Action Against Bullying (12th August - 16th August) we held a College assembly to mark Bullying No Way: National Week of Action.

The theme, 'Everyone Belongs,' emphasises that when we all feel included, there's no place for bullying.

Each year group shared their ideas on how to prevent bullying, reinforcing our commitment to respect and support one another.



CSBB Secondary Junior Basketball Gala Day

On Monday 5th August St Paul's students represented the College at the Catholic Schools Broken Bay Secondary Junior Basketball Gala Day at Terrigal on the Central Coast.

Our team brought their A-game, finishing in 3rd place overall and securing 4 wins out of 6 games! Every game was a testament to our players' hard work and dedication.





Vietnam Veterans Day 2024 Memorial Service

On Sunday 18th of August, Year 12 College Captain Finau and Vice Captain Tek represented the College at the Vietnam Veterans Day 2024 Memorial Service held at the Manly War Memorial.

That day marked the anniversary of the battle of Long Tan and the withdrawal of Australian troops from Vietnam. This is a day on which we remember all those who served our country during the conflict in Vietnam and associated theatres, especially the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Vinnies Winter Sleepout

On Friday 2nd August we hosted our annual winter sleepout to raise awareness of homelessness and promote empathy. The evening included fun activities, a movie about a homeless football team, and sleeping on cardboard and floor mats.

The students enjoyed a meal from our soup kitchen, and kookaburras woke everyone at 6am before they headed home.

The purpose was to raise awareness of homelessness and discuss actions that could be taken to show compassion, empathy and love towards those who are doing it tough!



Science Week

As a part of Science Week, our Year 11 St Paul's students led an afternoon Science lesson at one of our precinct schools St Mary's Catholic Primary School Manly.

Our students led an investigation into whale wellbeing and looked at the causes of illness in whales by conducting a chemical analysis of whale snot. They also looked at hidden plastics found inside whales and how we can all play a large part in protecting our oceans.

Thank you for having us St Mary's Catholic Primary School Manly.

Important Dates

2024

Precinct Parenting Seminar - Guest speaker Michelle Mitchell: What Kids Need Now, Before the Teenage Years	Thursday 29th August
Year 7 2025 Parent Information Evening (Parents only to attend)	Monday 2nd September
HSC On Show - Showcase of our Year 12 HSC Major works	Thursday 12th September
Year 12 Graduation - St Mary's Catholic Church	Wednesday 25th September
Year 12 Formal - Manly Pacific Hotel	Thursday 26th September
St Paul's Catholic College 95th Anniversary Celebration - save the date.	Friday 15th November
Year 7 Student Orientation Day St Paul's Parent & Student Information Evening 6.00pm - 7.30pm	Wednesday 20th November
Arts on the Grass - Creative and Performing Arts Showcase Evening	Wednesday 4th December

2025

Year 7 and New Student Transition Day	Monday 3rd February
Year 7 and New Student Transition Day	Tuesday 4th February
Term 1 commences for Years 8- 12	Wednesday 5th February
Year 7 Camp (overnight)	Wednesday 5th February - Friday 7th February
Year 7 2025 Parent Meet and Greet Night	Monday 10th February

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