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COLLEGE PROSPECTUS



Welcome



St Paul's Catholic College is a vibrant faith community fostering a supportive and inclusive school environment where students feel safe, valued, and empowered.

Welcome to St Paul's Catholic College, a co-educational Year 7 to 12 Catholic school in the Diocese of Broken Bay. St Paul's has a long history of providing an authentic Catholic education, grounded in faith and nurturing generations of students to live out the Gospel values of courage, compassion and stewardship in all that we do. Students are challenged to make the most of their individual God-given gifts and talents to make a positive difference in the world and build the Kingdom of God.

The transition to co-education in 2025 reflects our commitment to provide an inclusive learning environment that focuses on the holistic development of every student. We offer a comprehensive curriculum that inspires our students to be curious, independent and innovative learners. Our team of experienced and dedicated teachers focus on quality teaching that fosters teamwork and collaboration and caters to the diverse learning needs of our students.

At our school, we believe that the wellbeing of our students is paramount. We are dedicated to creating a supportive and caring environment where every student feels safe, valued, and empowered. Our commitment to student wellbeing is reflected in our diverse program of pastoral care, co-curricular activities, cultural experiences, and sporting opportunities. These programs are designed to enrich the growth and development of our students, helping them to thrive both personally and academically.

St Paul's Catholic College is dedicated to ensuring the best possible outcomes for its students and we look forward to working with our families in providing an inclusive education in a faith filled community where every individual can flourish.

Ms Gabie Stojanovski
College Principal





About the College

St Paul's Catholic College has provided a quality Catholic education to families on the Northern Beaches since 1929. As we embark on this pivotal moment in the College's history and transition to co-education, St Paul's Catholic College is committed to fostering a vibrant faith community and a strong learning culture.

The College achieves consistently strong learning growth in NAPLAN and the Higher School Certificate by identifying and addressing the learning needs of each student.

Our staff have a wealth of experience in meeting the diverse needs of all learners and a strong understanding of what works when it comes to affirming and challenging students to continually improve.

The College offers a wide selection of courses to meet the needs of our students and prepare them for the world of work and post-school learning. In this way, the College creates a culture of success.

Situated on the historic St Patrick's Estate, the College's setting and facilities are the envy of many other schools. From our state-of-the-art hospitality facilities to our creative arts hub, fully equipped technology workshops and ICT network, we cater to the diverse interests of all students. As a result, the College has produced leaders and achievers in business, medicine, public service, education, professional sport and the arts.

Most importantly, St Paul's is an inclusive community that seeks to not only educate but form young women and men who will become leaders and shapers of their community, with a strong commitment to justice and respect for all.

The St Paul's graduate is an independent, confident and resilient young person with a strong moral centre.



Being a St Paul's student has been amazing for me as it is such a positive and caring environment that allows me to be the best version of myself.

Year 11 Student

Vision and Mission

St Paul's Catholic College Manly is a community where faith, wellbeing and learning unite to nurture the leaders of tomorrow. We are dedicated to nurturing respectful, adaptable, and innovative individuals who are equipped to make informed decisions in a dynamic world.

Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) aim to educate and form young people in Catholic discipleship, offering them experiences of following Jesus as members of the Catholic community. St Paul's Catholic College embodies a holistic approach to education, interconnecting academic rigor with spiritual development. Inspired by its patron St Paul, the College strives to instil in its students a profound sense of ethical responsibility and a commitment to service. With a curriculum designed to unlock each student's capabilities, St Paul's Catholic College not only prepares its students for academic success but also moulds them into conscientious global citizens, ready to lead with courage, compassion and stewardship.



Our Values

Our mission and vision are underpinned by the values of the Gospel, expressed as:

Courage – St Paul exemplified true courage, despite the challenges he faced, he travelled far and wide to share the teachings of Jesus. He was encouraged with the words, “Be not afraid.” Similarly, we encourage St Paul's students to embrace courage in their learning journey. This means being willing to tackle difficult problems and take risks, knowing that growth often comes from stepping outside of comfort zones. Remember, courage is not the absence of fear; it's choosing to do what is right, even when fear is present. Learn with Courage.

Compassion – St Paul walked with Christ and demonstrated compassion and respect for others in his actions. Just as he took the time to understand others and see the world from their perspective, we encourage our students to do the same. Compassion means showing empathy and kindness, while making thoughtful choices that contribute to their own learning and the well-being of others. By considering how others feel and acting with respect, we can create a positive and supportive community. Walk with Compassion.

Stewardship – Everything we have is a gift from God, and it is our responsibility to care for each other and the environment. As members of the St Paul's community, we are called to share our gifts of time, talent, and resources, managing both our surroundings and our relationships thoughtfully, whether in or out of the classroom. Stewardship shapes our understanding of life and guides how we live. Just as God entrusted St Paul with the gift of communicating his message to the many communities he visited, we are entrusted with the care of our world and the people in it. Live with Stewardship.



Learning

St Paul's has a well-earned reputation for achieving strong learning growth for every student. The College produces high academic achievers and has an enviable record of providing an excellent standard of Vocational Education under the Australian Qualifications Framework.

The College provides a wide and well-resourced curriculum that is shaped by the principles of Structured Inquiry-Based Learning and delivered by highly qualified and experienced teaching staff. St Paul's has a strong focus on the middle years with a supportive transition program, allowing students to have confidence with learning, forming connections, and acquiring skills for success.

Each teacher knows their students and strives to develop learning experiences that both challenge and support them, consolidating their learning and helping them to grow.

The College's Diverse Learning Team works with students, families and teachers to support students with specific learning needs. Each student is treated with dignity and has a clear plan to progress appropriate to their age and stage of learning.

Co-curricular

St Paul's offers a wide range of opportunities allowing every student to fully engage with the community, to grow and to succeed. From individual sport and recreation activities to representative teams, outdoor education, creative and performing arts, and community service programs we strive to ensure that every student is active and engaged in their education both inside and outside the classroom.

The College's elective sport program promotes healthy living, respect for others and collaboration whilst our representative sports teams provide opportunities for our students to further develop self-discipline, ambition and humility both in victory and defeat.

The College is affiliated with Catholic Schools NSW Sport providing a pathway to state and national representation. St Paul's also engages with a range of enrichment programs in science, technology, and commerce that are supported by universities and business, and has a strong reputation for success in the creative arts, boasting a number of finalists in the prestigious Northern Beaches Art Prize and the Bishop's Prize for Creative and Performing Arts.

Creative Arts

The College's Creative Arts program includes specialist Music and Visual Arts classes from Years 7 through 12. Many of our students also participate in private instrumental lessons, with tutors that are selected, administered and timetabled by the College.

The College hosts annual showcases of our students' talents and plays host to band camps and art shows for a number of primary schools across the southern peninsula. Our students have been regular feature artists in Diocesan creative arts competitions. Their artworks also feature in HSC showcases and community galleries, where students have won a number of prizes in the annual Religious Creative Arts Competition.



Religious Education

Religious Education provides witness to Jesus' example of accompaniment. Religious Education supports students to encounter Jesus as the source of Christian life. Religious Education provides opportunities for personal and communal transformation.

The Year 7 to Year 10 syllabus is organised into 5 strands including God & Religion, Jesus & Scripture, Morality & Justice, Church and Community, and Prayer, Liturgy & Sacraments. A unique feature of our syllabus is integration of Youth Ministry Principles of Connection, Proclamation, and Response. Students are supported and encouraged to relate the curriculum to their everyday lives.

In Year 11 and 12, students can choose between Studies of Religion or Studies in Catholic Thought for their senior studies.



I have made lots of friends
and really feel like I belong.

Year 7 Student

Student Leadership

Student leadership at St Paul's is shaped by the students themselves. Our senior student leaders represent the key areas of College life: Faith, Learning and Wellbeing. Students in each year group are represented through our House system, ensuring that leadership responsibilities are shared, and not focussed only on the HSC class.

The process of selection for our senior student leaders includes a formation and discernment program that prepares all students to select leaders that they trust and will support. There are rich opportunities for leadership at St Paul's College.

Student Wellbeing

We prioritise practices and approaches in wellbeing for learning to ensure that each child is known, challenged and supported to be the very best they can be. Our care for our students arises from our recognition that every person is made in the image and likeness of God and that their worth and dignity is precious.

Whole school approaches are implemented using a tiered system that provides students with the necessary supports to thrive and flourish. Our leadership team at St Paul's understands our school community deeply and makes local decisions on the wellbeing supports and strategies implemented. School counselling services are available for students requiring individualised short term clinical support.

Initiatives at St Paul's include a focus on restorative practices and supports student wellbeing with the implementation of the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) and other evidence-based practices.

Teaching programs support equitable and ongoing participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students by engaging in collaborative relationships with families and community representatives.

Faith Formation and Social Justice

St Paul's is a Catholic school and a part of the wider Catholic Church community. Our shared faith and values of the Gospel informs the relationships between students and staff. These Catholic values also shape the formation of our students into young people with a heart for others. Formation includes an active sacramental and prayer life. Students participate in College and Class Masses, as well as retreats and reflection days that are life affirming and tailored to their age and stage of life.

Through our active social justice and outreach program, we support a variety of charitable initiatives, spanning from Catholic endeavors such as Project Compassion to community-based efforts like cooking for One Meal, Head Above Water, Our Big Kitchen, and serving local mental health charities. Students actively engage with and contribute to our community.



Parent Engagement and Community

The College has a Parent Advisory body that meets throughout the year with the College Principal and members of the College's leadership team. This body advises the College's leadership in a range of areas and is a conduit between the parents and the College.

Parents are involved in the life of the College in a number of ways with opportunities provided to support students in their learning, wellbeing and formation, as well as events that connect parents to one another.

All parents and their families are welcomed into a very special and supportive community at St Paul's College.

St Paul's Catholic College has a strong connection with The Manly Freshwater Parish. Our school masses are held at St Mary's Catholic Church in Manly and our Parish Priest and seminarian are regularly present and involved in school events and liturgies, on school grounds. Our students are invited to attend St Mary's Church for youth mass, followed by youth group, where they have the opportunity to meet and socialise with other high school students, to share their faith journey.

The connection to our Parish fosters a strong sense of community, strengthening our Catholic faith and mission for students, staff and families.





Religious Creative Arts Prize

For the past decade, the Religious Creative Arts Event has been celebrating the artistic abilities of our talented students. With five categories, including visual arts, dance, drama, music, and short film, there's a genre for all students from K-10 to get involved in. Finalists perform or display work at a special 'Showcase' performance evening, where industry judges attend and present feedback on finalist works. Milo Bellingham from St. Paul's Catholic College Manly was honoured the 2023 Bishop's Art Prize winner in the Religious Creative Arts Competition.



Sporting Excellence

St Paul's, as a member school of Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB), offers excellent opportunities for all students to participate in events across a range of sports and encourages exercise as a lever for general wellbeing.

CSBB Secondary Schools are involved in over 20 inter school sporting championship events annually at a diocesan level, in addition to their individual school sporting events. Sports include Athletics, Australian Football, Basketball, Cricket, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Sevens, Surf Lifesaving, Swimming, Tennis, Touch and Volleyball.

A wealth of talented staff convene school sporting championships at state and national level ensuring that students are mentored and encouraged by those who are leaders in their fields.

Former students have returned to engage in our programs with ongoing mentoring and official opportunities at our events, continuing their development through the CSBB system in Year 13 and beyond.

Our schools offer opportunities for all students to participate in sports, regardless of their experience level. We believe in maximising student achievement and growth by providing lifelong learning experiences through our sports programs.

Secondary Sport Representative Pathways

School
Carnivals/ Trials

Broken Bay
Championships/ Trials

NSW Combined
Catholic College
(NSWCCC)
Championships/ Trials

NSW All Schools
Championships/ Trials

School Sport Australia
Championships



St Paul's has allowed me to enjoy and participate in so many different sports.

Year 8 Student



TAS classes are a lot of fun and provide many options to consider future careers.

Year 10 Student

Vocational Education and Training (VET)

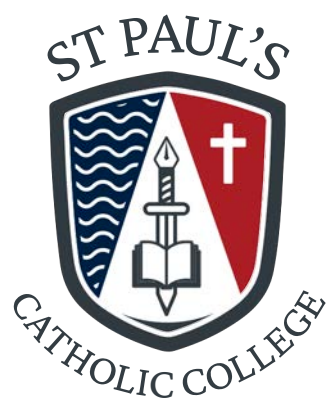
Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB), a Registered Training Organisation (RTO), is dedicated to preparing students for the dynamic professional world by incorporating Vocational Education and Training (VET) into secondary education. This approach merges practical skills with essential academic knowledge, ensuring students are well-equipped to become industry leaders. CSBB offers nationally recognised VET courses, contributing to the Higher School Certificate (HSC) and acknowledged by the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF), providing students with a significant advantage in further education and career advancement. Emphasising hands-on learning, VET courses include work placements, potentially leading to traineeships, apprenticeships, or part-time work, and some courses may count towards the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), aiding university entry. Students interested in trades can pursue paid traineeships or apprenticeships while completing their HSC, with further details available through the school's VET Coordinator or Careers Adviser.

Pathways and Partnerships

The CSBB Pathways & Partnerships program is a forward-thinking initiative designed to bridge the gap between academic learning and the real world, ensuring our students are well-prepared for the future. A holistic approach to education, which blends theory with practical experiences and industry insights. Students are supported by a Pathways and Partnership staff member who encourages students to delve into their interests and helps students to understand the skills in demand within the evolving job market. The program aims to enhance resilience, employability and to enrich our students' educational experiences ensuring a smooth transition into the workforce. The program offers unique career experiences and values contributions from parents and alumni, promoting their involvement to prepare our students for a lifetime of learning and growth.

Scan to see an example of a recent Pathways and Partnerships initiative. This inter-school challenge involved students resolving real industry business problems.





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