



College Update

March 2025

Dear St Paul's Catholic College Community,

This year marks a momentous time in history as St Paul's Catholic College has opened its doors to co-education in Years 7, 10 and 11. It has been a positive start to the year and there has been a magnificent energy and spirit of excitement within our community. I have been impressed with how well our students have adapted to the transition to co-education.

I am delighted to be appointed as College Principal and returning to St Paul's where I was employed 20 years ago as a HSIE KLA Leader. We have a vibrant new Executive Team leading the strategic vision of the College and over 20 new staff who have joined our College community due to our growing enrolments. This year our focus is on continuing to build a vibrant faith filled community with a strong learning culture and encouraging our students to use their gifts and talents serve the community.

Our recent College Open Day was a huge success with over 500 families visiting the College. We opened the door of our classrooms to showcase our learning in action and displayed the numerous sport and co-curricular opportunities we offer our students. We received overwhelmingly positive feedback from our prospective families who were impressed with our educational offerings, the passion and dedication of our teachers and the vibrance and energy they experienced on the evening. I would like to sincerely thank our parent volunteers who assisted on the welcome desk, guiding visitors and cooking the BBQ. We are so grateful to have such a dedicated group of parent volunteers who generously gave their time to support our school.

One of our key initiatives this year is to strengthen our College and parish connections, inviting our students and families to attend the Youth Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church in Manly every 3rd Sunday of the month. This is an opportunity for our College community to share in the Eucharist and be nourished by our faith. I was pleased to see a large number of students and families attend the Youth Mass and the Installation of Relic of St John Vianney at the Shrine of Mary Immaculate celebrated by Bishop Anthony recently. Students who attend Youth Mass receive a Faith Leadership Award and 10 House Points.

The Diocesan School Staff Mass last week was a special occasion for St Paul's Catholic College. Phil Nicol our Economics and Legal Studies teacher was the guest of honour and recognised by Bishop Anthony for 60 years of service to education. Celebrating a milestone of 60 years in education is a remarkable achievement, that is not achieved by many teachers and deserves special recognition. Mr Nicol's dedication and commitment to teaching has had a profound impact on countless students' lives, imparting knowledge and learning and forming their character. We are all inspired by Mr Nicol's successful career and hope he stays with us in the years to come.



I would like to thank the St Paul's community for their warm welcome and support over the past 5 weeks as I have settled into the role of Principal. I am honoured to be the Principal of this College and am committed to working with you in partnership to harness our passion to deliver a quality education for our students so they can flourish and achieve their dreams and aspirations.



Gabie Stojanovski
College Principal

Courage Awards

At St Paul's Catholic College, we are dedicated to helping each student achieve their full potential. Our Award System is designed to honour students for their dedication, involvement, and achievements.

Recognising students' accomplishments not only boosts their self-esteem but also fosters a sense of belonging within the community.

Congratulations to the students that received a Courage Award at our Full College assembly. You should be very proud of your achievement.





Year 7 Orientation Day

On Monday 3 February, we marked a historic moment for our College as we welcomed the 2025 Year 7 cohort and new students in Years 8-11 for their orientation day. The atmosphere was filled with energy and excitement, as students from all year levels came together to embark on this exciting new chapter of their high school journey.



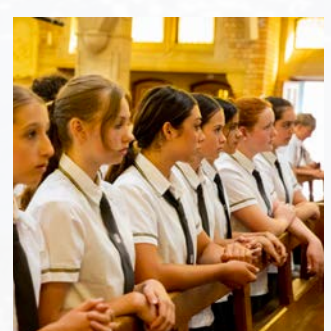
There was a real sense of community as they participated in various activities, forged new friendships, and got a taste of what the year ahead will bring. It was a day full of anticipation and promise, setting the stage for an incredible year ahead as they join us in shaping the future of our College.



Welcome Mass

On Tuesday 11 February we held our annual St Paul's Catholic College Welcome Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church in Manly. Our Mass was an opportunity for us to celebrate the Eucharist as a community and welcome our new students and staff to our College.

It was wonderful to have the families of our students and special guest Mr Danny Casey, Director of Catholic Schools Broken Bay, join us to celebrate this moment in history as we celebrated our first Mass as a co-educational secondary school.

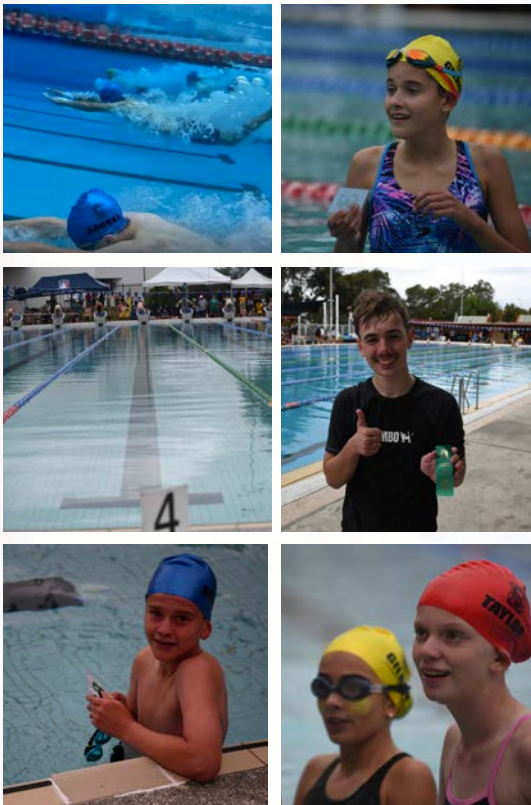


2024 HSC Best Achievers Presentation and Morning Tea

On behalf of our College community, we would like to congratulate the St Paul's College 2024 HSC Best Achievers from the Class of 2024. At our 2025 College Welcome Mass we celebrated the achievements of our 2024 HSC Best Achievers with an award presentation followed by a morning tea at the College.

Baden M, Louis C, Tyler O and Samuel G have worked with dedication and tenacity to make the most of their gifts and potential. Their journey through Years 11 and 12 has not just been about grades or achievements, it has been about growth, character, and recognising their own worth. They faced challenges, embraced opportunities, and demonstrated that hard work, self-belief and personal pride are the real markers of achievement.

Congratulations, you have made your teachers and your families proud, not just for what you achieved on paper, but for who you have become.



Swimming Carnival

On Thursday, 20th February, our students dove into an action-packed day of competition and camaraderie at the Manly Andrew 'Boy' Charlton Aquatic Centre.

With solid swim efforts and fantastic participation from everyone, it was a day filled with energy, team spirit, and impressive performances!

Students who have qualified for the CSBB Secondary Carnival are looking forward to competing at the next stage on Tuesday, 11th March.



2025 College Open Day

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Open Day – it was a true celebration of our vibrant community. Our Open Day was a huge success, thanks to the incredible energy and participation of our community. From exploring open classrooms with learning in action, to hearing from our Principal and enjoying the performances of our talented music students.

A huge THANK YOU to our dedicated parent volunteers for their hard work in making the day so special and for hosting the delicious BBQ! Your support and commitment to our school make all the difference. We are so proud of the spirit and connection that makes St Paul's such a special place.



Year 7 Camp

Year 7 had an unforgettable experience at Camp Somerset, where they spent three action-packed days enjoying kayaking, tackling obstacle courses, and conquering high ropes.

These thrilling activities not only tested their physical skills but also helped strengthen bonds within the cohort, fostering teamwork and building lasting connections.

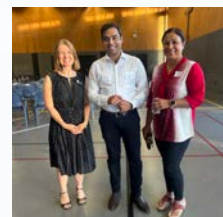
It was a fantastic opportunity for students to challenge themselves, have fun, and create memories that will last throughout their school journey.



Year 7 Parent Meet and Greet

A big thank you to all who attended the Year 7 Parent Meet and Greet on Monday 17 February! It was wonderful to see so many of you there, engaging with your child's Pastoral Care room, meeting their teachers, and connecting with fellow parents.

Your presence and involvement are truly appreciated as we work together to support our students' growth and success. We look forward to continuing to build a strong, supportive community for our Year 7 cohort!



Year 7 Belong Day

Over 1,400 Year 7 students from across the Broken Bay Diocese came together this week for one of two Year 7 Belong: Amazing Race of Faith Days at the Light of Christ Centre.

The day provided a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with the broader Catholic community, meet new peers, interact with the Youth Ministry Team, and engage with leaders in a relaxed, welcoming setting.

With music, fun activities, and team challenges, the event was designed to foster a strong sense of belonging and build lasting connections, which the students truly appreciated.



Installation of the Relic of St. John Vianney

Thank you to the members of the St Paul's Catholic College community who attended the special Mass and installation of the relic of St. John Vianney at the Shrine of Mary Immaculate on Sunday 2 March.

As the patron saint of priests, St. John Vianney is a model of faith, perseverance, and dedication to the mission of Christ. His relic will be a source of grace for our schools, educators, and students as we continue to nurture faith-filled communities.

St Mary's Catholic Church has been chosen as a pilgrim Church for the Jubilee Year of Hope.

Join us at St Mary's Catholic Church Manly for our next Family Mass on Sunday 16 March at 6pm!

Shrove Tuesday: Pancake Day

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, the day preceding the start of Lent. We celebrated 'Pancake Day' on Tuesday 4 March with delicious pancakes for sale during recess with all funds raised donated to Project Compassion 2025!

Project Compassion inspires Australians to raise essential funds that support efforts to reduce poverty, promote justice, and uphold the dignity of the most vulnerable and marginalised communities worldwide.

Thank you to the students for their efforts in cooking, serving and fundraising on Shrove Tuesday.



Ash Wednesday Liturgy

On Ash Wednesday 5 March 2025, our College gathered for a meaningful Liturgy to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. It was a time for reflection, prayer, and renewal as we received the ashes as a symbol of repentance and a reminder of our commitment to growth and transformation during this holy season.

May this Lenten journey inspire us all to deepen our faith and compassion. As we journey together through Lent, let us continue to support one another in living out the values of love, kindness, and service.

Enrolment Update

Are you looking to enrol your child for Year 7, 2027? To ensure priority enrolment for your child as a sibling, ensure you submit your enrolment application for Year 7, 2027 prior to the closing date of Monday 24 March 2025.

We are now accepting enrolment applications for Years 8-11, 2026. Contact our Enrolment Officer for information regarding availability for Years 8-11 enrolments@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

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Applications for Year 7, 2027 close Monday 24 March 2025.

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International Women's Day

International Women's Day, Saturday 8 March 2025, is particularly meaningful for our College as we celebrate not only the incredible women around the world but also a significant milestone in our College journey. 2025 marks a moment in history for the College as we become co-educational, and we're so proud to be fostering a community that empowers young women to excel, lead, and thrive.

Our Principal, Ms Stojanovski, had the honour of attending the Catholic Schools NSW International Women's Day Breakfast on Friday 7 March, where she was joined by two of our Year 11 students, Matilda and Anabel. They had the privilege of reading the Acknowledgement of Country at the event, representing our College with grace and pride.

On Monday 10 March we celebrated International Women's Day at the College with a special assembly where our students shared their reflections on what International Women's Day means to them and highlighted the incredible women who inspire them. It was a heartwarming celebration of strength, resilience, and empowerment.



Student Achievements:

Wil Y. (Year 10) and Tylor H. (Year 7)

We would like to acknowledge the outstanding performances of Wil (Year 10) and Tylor (Year 7) at the National Mountain Biking Interschools Competition in Thredbo! With over 350 schools and more than 1,200 students participating, the competition was intense, but both Wil and Tylor delivered impressive personal results.

Competing against highly competitive schools, they showed great determination and sportsmanship throughout the week. Competing at a national level is an incredible achievement, and we are so proud of their efforts and the way they embraced the challenge.

Important Dates

2025- Term 1

NAPLAN- Years 7 and 9	Writing- 12/3/25 Reading- 14/3/25 Conventions of Language- 17/3/25 Numeracy- 18/3/25
Year 9 Camp	Wednesday 19 March- Friday 21 March
Harmony Day	Friday 21 March 2025
Year 10 Reflection Day	Monday 24 March
Year 7 (2027) Enrolment Applications Close	Monday 24 March
Year 10 Meningococcal vaccinations	Tuesday 1 April
Easter Liturgy	Thursday 9 April
Last day of Term 1 for students	Thursday 9 April

2025- Term 2

Term 2 Commences	Wednesday 30 April
ANZAC Day Assembly	Wednesday 30 April
Kings Birthday Public Holiday	Monday 9 June
Last Day of Term 2	Thursday 3 July

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