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Dear families of St Paul's College

As 2021 progresses, our excitement grows as preparations for co-education reach new heights. With such rapid progression it is timely that our College updates parents and maintains open lines of communication ahead of 2022:

### **Enrolments**

While not only linked with co-education, maximum student numbers have been reached for 2022 in many year levels throughout our Primary and Middle Years. To aid this significant interest, our College has again reviewed our enrolment policy with an understanding that we may not have positions available for some families in 2022 and beyond.

For example, we will aim to finalise 2023 enrolments in the middle of this year and work towards finalising enrolments for 2024 by year's end. Your assistance in prompting the enrolment of any family considering St Paul's for their son or daughter, would be appreciated.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

There are several updates regarding buildings and grounds, including current construction underway to expand bathroom facilities in Primary Years and ready co-education facilities that are safe and welcoming.

*Mossop Construction and Interiors* have been appointed as builders for our redevelopment and are commissioned to refurbish the Wilson Building (previously including our Resource Centre). *Mossop* have a welcome connection as old scholars of St Paul's College, while their work was commissioned on its own merit. We look forward to this partnership with *Mossop* for work that will conclude for opening in Term 4.

Our main courtyard redevelopment and replacement of the secondary amenities block is a combined project that has concluded its tender process, whereby the successful builder will be commissioned and communicated in coming weeks. Stay tuned for this important appointment of builder and news of the construction start-date.

### **Uniform (from Mr Neville Atkinson, Business Manager)**

Since the announcement of our move to co-education from 2022, a Working Party led by Mrs Emily Sayer, with the assistance of two parent representatives and five staff, has been meeting and consulting with various stakeholders to:

- Appoint a uniform supplier who would design and manufacture our new uniform for girls,
- Recommend any changes to our existing boy's uniform; and to
- Review our Uniform Policy.

Following a rigorous tender process, *Midford* were appointed late last year as the new supplier of our College uniform. Since their appointment, the Working Party have been meeting with their designers to determine the style, fabric and make up of our new uniform. Whilst this process has not been completely finalised, much work has been undertaken and sampling of new garments is currently in train. This is an exciting time and we look forward to sharing the new and updated uniform shortly.

Our Uniform Shop Manager Mrs Betty Allan has also advised her intention to retire (at a date to be agreed). With her blessing, the opportunity was taken to review the operation of the Uniform Shop and it was determined that outsourcing the operations to *Midford* was the best model moving into the future. The Uniform Shop will continue to operate on site from its current location with expanded hours as follows:

Tuesday	8.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday	1.00pm – 5.00pm
Thursday	1.00pm – 5.00pm

In addition, *Midford* will be investing significant money to refit the shop so that customers can enjoy a better retail experience and to display stock more effectively. **To enable this to take place, the Uniform Shop will close for 5 weeks so that the refit can take place. The final day of trading will be on Wednesday 9 June, with the shop reopening on Tuesday 20 July.** We apologise for the inconvenience but look forward to a new and exciting relationship with *Midford*.

*Please find attached a welcome letter from Midford.*

### **Preparatory Events for Co-Education**

Since the appointment of Ms Donna Nguyen as *Transition Coordinator* for co-education, a range of events have been developed. Such events include transition afternoons for 2022 enrolled girls, co-education information evenings for prospective girls and their families, extensive staff Professional Development around gender development and learning, as well as Donna meeting with each 2022 enrolled girl and her family. Even from these few examples of many, it is evident that extensive preparations for staff and students is well underway.

Should you have any questions about aspects of this letter, or any aspect related to our preparations for co-education, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Donna Nguyen (Transition coordinator), Mr Neville Atkinson (Business Manager) or myself. Likewise, any member of staff would be very happy to assist.

As per the campaign to announce co-education, *Together We Grow*.

Regards



Josh Foulis

**Acting Principal**

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Dear Students, Parents and Teachers,

Midford are proud to have been appointed to manage the St Paul's College Uniform Shop from the beginning of Term 3, 2021. Over the last 7 months, the Midford team has been working with St Paul's College to review the current uniform range and design the new girl's uniform ready for the start of 2022.

Established in 1946, Midford has provided Australian schools and students with innovative and high quality school wear for 75 years. Today Midford is Australia's leading school wear supplier. Midford school uniforms are designed to be both good looking and hard wearing and our dedication to quality has stood the test of time.

Having a Midford Uniform Shop at your College brings with it many benefits;

- A friendly and professional retail environment.
- A one stop shop for all your school uniform needs in the one location.
- Uniforms of the highest quality.
- The ability to touch and feel each piece of the uniform before you purchase.
- Experienced staff that will provide expert advice and friendly service.
- Personalised fittings by appointment.
- An Online Uniform Shop facility.

Please do not hesitate to contact your Store Manager who will be more than happy to help you with all your school uniform needs or answer any questions you may have regarding any of the services we offer.

During the school term, the St Paul's College Uniform Shop will be open every:

Tuesday	8.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday	1.00pm – 5.00pm
Thursday	1.00pm – 5.00pm

The Online Uniform Shop offers the additional convenience of shopping from home. Orders will be filled when the shop is next open with pick-up and delivery options available.

Everyone at Midford is looking forward to working with St Paul's College, and we are most excited to meet students, parents and become part of the College community.

Yours Sincerely,

Amy Bridle, SA Area Manager, and the rest of the Midford team.