



# 15 August 2024

## Upcoming Events

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### Year 8 Retreat

Date: Thursday 22 August

### Book Week Parade and Fair

Date: Friday 23 August

Time: 9:00am

### Year 10 Camp & Year 10 Outdoor Ed

Date: Tuesday 27 August - Friday 30 August

### Father's Day Stall

Date: Thursday 29 August

### Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgies

Date: Friday 30 August

### Parents and Friends Quiz Night

Date: Friday 30 August

Time: 6:30pm

### Student Free Day - Staff Professional Development

Date: Monday 2 September

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## From Josh Foulis, Acting Principal



### Respect and Women in our Community

Thursday 15 August marks an important day (a Day of Obligation) in the global Catholic Church, as it is the Solemnity of the Assumption, and I am grateful to Acting Deputy Principal Mr Frank Ranaldo, for his reflection in this edition of our Newsletter.

I am grateful to Fr John, Parish Priest of our Dernancourt Parish, who continues to partner with our school, devoting so much of his time and energy for the benefit of our students and staff. Fr John joined us for our Feast of the Assumption Mass, where his Homily challenged us to consider how we celebrate birthdays and Mother's Day, as known examples of celebrating women who are special to us, and for all that they have done for us. In our Church, we similarly celebrate Mary and especially on the Feast of the Assumption.

While concluding the gathering after Mass, I asked students and staff to consider the term's focus on 'respect', especially considering women in our world, our lives and our college community. We know that so much gender injustice and inequality remain throughout our world, and our St Paul's community must be a true representation of what a respectful environment should look like.

Importantly, we must ***not*** consider the likes of Mary to be only supporting Christ, nor the likes of Nano Nagle in only supporting our founder Blessed Edmund Rice. Instead, respect for these women and all women in our world, demands acknowledgement of women's individual journey, strength, bravery, successes, and challenges. Only when our world recognises women in such a way, will our world realise the equality deserving of all people.

Again, we respect what we value. In this way, our challenge is to ensure that on the Feast of the Assumption and always, our respect for women is a model to our society and world.

### Congratulations again, Mr Paul Belton!

Understanding that Paul Belton has received significant accolades from Catholic Education SA (locally) and Catholic Secondary Principals Association (CaSPA, nationally), it is my pleasure to advise that Paul has been awarded the *ACEL SA Educational Leadership Medal*, as one of three recipients in the state for 2024. Once again well-deserved and worth celebrating!

Congratulations, Paul! We look forward to welcoming Mr Belton upon his return from leave to begin Week 6, from Monday 26 August.



# From Frank Ranaldo, Acting Deputy Principal

## Feast of the Assumption

Today our school community celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This significant day in the liturgical calendar commemorates the belief that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life.

The Assumption is a reminder of Mary's unique role in the history of salvation. Her life was marked by deep faith and unwavering trust in God's plan. As the Mother of the Church, Mary's Assumption is a sign of hope for all, pointing to the promise of eternal life and the resurrection of the body.

The Feast of the Assumption is also a time for us to reflect on our own spiritual journey. Just as Mary said "yes" to God's call, we are invited to renew our commitment to living our faith with joy and devotion. We take this opportunity to deepen our relationship with God and follow Mary's example of humility and love.

## Our Common Ground

In line with the College's 'Our Common Ground', we are committed at St Paul's to providing a safe environment which supports the overall health and wellbeing of all members of its community. We value respect, acceptance, and compassion as a foundation to affirm each person's worth and dignity.

I would like to draw your attention to the Charter for Parents in SA Catholic schools **CSPSA Charter for Parents**. This document outlines the importance of partnership between school and families, and what parents/carers should expect from schools as well as what schools should expect from parents/carers. By having clear guidelines, we can prevent misunderstandings, conflicts, and disruptions, ensuring that all members of the school community are treated with dignity and respect.



# From the Secondary Years

## Advanced Notice – Changes to Term 4 Events

Following a review of our Term 4 calendar, please note some slight amendments to upcoming events.

### Thursday 24 October - 9:00am

#### **Year 12 Celebration and Awards Assembly**

The 2024 Year 12 Celebration & Awards Assembly will be held at in the College Gymnasium on Thursday 24 October 2024, commencing at 9:00am until 11.10am.

#### **All Year 12 families are invited to attend.**

This is a special assembly celebrating the achievements of our Year 12 students for the academic year and will involve several presentations by members of our community.

This is a **COMPULSORY** school event for all Year 7 to 12 students, to acknowledge the efforts of our Year 12 students and where we will also present our college's most prestigious awards.

Previously, this assembly celebrated all students from Years 10, 11 and 12. This will now be a stand-alone celebration of the Class of 2024, with Year 10 and 11 students recognized at an assembly later in the term, prior to Year 11 students' final day.

### Friday 25 October – 9:00am

#### **Year 12 Graduation Mass and Morning Tea**

The Year 12 Graduation Mass & morning tea will be held on Friday 25 October in the College Gymnasium, to celebrate and farewell the Class of 2024.

**From the perspective of the College, this is the most important graduation event of the year and is a formal occasion that must be reflected in behaviour and dress.**

**All Year 12 families are invited to attend.** This is a **COMPULSORY** school event for all Year 7 to 12 students.

At the conclusion of the mass (approx. 10:30am), Year 12 students and families are invited to the Mackillop Building at 10:30am to share a morning tea with the Class of 2024, and teaching staff.

Car parking for students and families will be made available on the College oval via the entrance on Blacks Road.

### Wednesday 20 November – 9:00am

#### **Year 10 and 11 Celebration and Awards Assembly**

This is an assembly celebrating the achievements of our Year 10 and 11 students for the academic year and will involve several presentations by members of our community. Families of award winners will be notified and invited to attend.

This is a **COMPULSORY** school event for all Year 7 to 11 students.

### Thursday 5 December – 9:00am

#### **Middle Years Celebration and Awards Assembly**

This is an assembly celebrating the achievements of our Year 7, 8 and 9 students for the academic year and will involve several presentations by members of our community. Families of award winners will be notified and invited to attend.

This was previously an after-hours event, which has now been moved to 9:00am.

This is a **COMPULSORY** school event for all Year 7 to 9 students.

#### **2025 Year 12 and Year 11 Subject Counselling**

Current Year 10 and 11 students will complete their 2025 Subject Counselling on Thursday 22 August, where each student will meet with their Leader of House and/or a Leader of Learning to receive counsel on their 2025 subject selections.

In preparation for subject counselling, students and families are strongly encouraged to access the 2025 Senior Years Curriculum Handbook and SATAC guide (links below) to make informed choices on their subject selections. Students should also be giving due consideration to potential university prerequisites, their academic progress and results, strengths, and interests, to best support this



decision-making process.

## Senior Years Curriculum Handbook

## SATAC Guide 2025 - SATAC Guide Online

## Updated Uniform Policy

In an update to the college uniform policy, at the start of 2025, all students will be expected to wear black leather lace-up shoes (business style – refer to image) with both the winter and summer uniform. Black leather sneakers will not be permitted as part of the school uniform.

Students and families are to ensure that they have addressed this by the start of 2025, and that they have purchased appropriate school shoes in preparation for next year.

The updated Uniform Policy can be accessed on the College website [here](#)

Anthony Farina - Head of Secondary



## From the Primary Years

Dear Families,

What wonderful weather we've been having! Any chance to get outside and enjoy the sunshine is a gift. Now, that I've said that, by the time this Newsletter is circulated it will probably be raining. The glass half full thought is, as much as this unusually warm August is gorgeous, the farming communities really need the wet weather. Let's pray for more rain!

This is what we need more of in our world; positive thoughts, glass half full moments, optimism. Optimism not only helps maintain a positive outlook, but it also aids in building resilience, problem-solving and general well-being.

'*Staying Positive in School*' is a great resource. It comes from WikiHow and highlights excellent examples for students to build positivity and optimism into their school day. This link will take you to the website. I suggest you use this as family time to gradually read and work through with your children. It encourages children and young people to focus on optimism, being organised and surrounding themselves with a positive environment.

As I mentioned in the last Newsletter, this week is **Bullying No Way Week** and is one of Australia's key bullying prevention initiatives and connects schools and communities to find workable solutions to prevent bullying. The Bullying No Way theme for 2024 is 'Everyone Belongs'. Teachers, Co-educators and Leadership will work closely with students and families to consider their role in reducing bullying in our community. We pride ourselves on our FRED values and being multiculturally and learning diverse community and as such, every week needs to be **Bullying No Way Week!**

I encourage you to continue having conversations with your children around how they can be positive and optimistic not only here at St Paul's College but in their personal lives outside of school.

A reminder that next week is Book Week and the theme is Reading is Magic! Teachers will be sending reminders about the week's activities and about the Dress-up Book Week Parade. It is also Catholic Schools Open Week, a great way to celebrate being part of a Catholic community that values learning, nurturing children's curiosity and acknowledge that every child in our care deserves to be unconditionally loved, included and belong.

Until next fortnight. Take care.

Marianne Loftus - Head of Primary Years

## Book Week Assembly and Parade

Primary parents and families are welcome to attend the Book Week assembly and parade. The theme for Book Week is "Reading is Magic". All students in Rec-Year 6 are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or something magical.

After the assembly students will parade around the main quad, through Flynn and back to the primary school.

Location: Callan Hall

Date: Friday 23 Aug, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Children's Book week®

Reading is Magic

#CBCA2024

17-23 August 2024





# Balaklava Eisteddfod

St Paul's had 30 students from Years 6-12 attend the Balaklava Eisteddfod on Friday the 2nd of August. This was a celebration of the music our students have been working on in their ensembles and it was a music competition open to all schools in SA.

We had 4 entries across 3 divisions, and we walked away with some excellent results.

Our Middle School Rock Band took out 3rd prize and our Vocal Ensemble received an Honourable Mention. Congratulations to all students who performed at the event and represented the College superbly.

An outstanding day of celebrating our musical achievements and sharing our music with others.

Leanne Savill - Music and Performance Coordinator



## Bringing Joy to Our Community: Year 8 CSL

In a display of compassion and community spirit, our Year 8 students recently visited Helping Hand Aged Care Home at Lightsvue and Ingle Farm, as part of their Christian Service-Learning program. The visit, which was eagerly anticipated by both students and residents, provided a unique opportunity for our young people to live out the values of kindness, respect, and service to others.

The visit included a range of activities, from sharing stories and playing games to simply offering a listening ear. Through their interactions, the students gained a deeper understanding of the value of service, the importance of community, and the joy that can come from connecting with others. It was a powerful reminder of the Christian call to love and serve our neighbours, particularly the most vulnerable among us.

As they left, many students expressed a desire to return, having formed meaningful connections with the residents. This visit is just one example of how our Christian Service-Learning program helps to cultivate a spirit of empathy and generosity in our students, encouraging them to be positive forces for good in the world.

We look forward to the next few weeks when more students from the Year 8 cohort will attend on their respective days.

Christabella Iuliano - Acting Religious Identity Leader (Middle Years) & Key Teacher: Gifted Education (7-12)





## Walk a Mile

Our Primary Years students took part in the "Walk A Mile" event to raise awareness and funds for the Hutt Street Centre. As part of the initiative, students embarked on a neighborhood walk, reflecting on the challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness.

A week later, our Primary Social Justice Group, Year 6 Ambassadors, and Year 9 Leaders proudly represented St Paul's College at "The Final Mile," the concluding event of Hutt St Centre's "Walk A Mile in My Boots" fundraiser.

We are very grateful to everyone who supported this important cause. Your contributions have helped raise funds and awareness for the vital services provided by the Hutt Street Centre.



## Year 9 CSL - Hutt St Centre Fundraiser

Proverbs 31:9 – "Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."

This verse calls for active engagement in promoting justice and compassion, particularly for those who are marginalised or in need. This Term, the Year 9 cohort have been active in advocating for the rights of those facing homelessness in South Australia.

At the start of Term 3, Jacinta from the Hutt St Centre presented to the cohort, reminding them of their moral responsibility, and ultimately calling them to action.

In Week 3, coinciding with the Final Mile Event, the Year 9 cohort held House fundraisers, with all proceeds donated to Walk a Mile - a Hutt St initiative that supports those facing homelessness to rebuild their lives, without judgement. Stalls included a sausage sizzle, a raffle, soft drinks, ice cream parlour and a bake sale.

We are thrilled to announce that our House fundraisers successfully raised \$822 to support the Hutt St Centre.

Thank you to those who donated and for supporting the Year 9 cohort on their CSL journey!

Christabella Iuliano - Acting Religious Identity Leader (Middle Years) & Key Teacher: Gifted Education (Years 7-12)



## Science Alive! STEM Day Out Excursion

On Friday 2 August, Year 7-10 students attended the Science Alive! STEM Day Out excursion at the Adelaide Showgrounds. This event showcased 80+ exciting and hands-on exhibits, opportunities for students to engage with early career scientists and engineers and challenge themselves in interactive workshops.

Here's what Year 7 student, Layla, had to say about the experience:

"A few of the highlights from the day was that I was able to freely explore my interests in learning and be surrounded by others who were just as interested as I am. It was also a fun filled day with lots of events to take part in and to build stronger bonds with new people. During this day, I learnt many new topics surrounding STEM, ranging from the complexity of technology, and the fascination of science.

Overall, I'm extremely grateful I was able to take part in the day out, and it was an experience I won't forget."

Christabella Iuliano - Acting Religious Identity Leader (Middle Years) & Key Teacher: Gifted Education (Years 7-12)





## Science Week

Science Week in the primary school kicked off with a bang on Monday. Callan Hall buzzed with excitement as Alex from Sci World delivered a science spectacular. Students were captivated by shooting rockets, liquid nitrogen demonstrations, flames, and loud explosions as Alex amazed them with his thrilling experiments.

The excitement carried on into the secondary school, where our science teachers put on an equally thrilling science show during lunchtime on Wednesday. The courtyard became a stage for experiments, featuring more explosions! Thanks to our teachers for making learning about Science so much fun!





# Parents and Friends Quiz Night

Join our school community on Friday 30 August from 6:30pm at the Parents & Friends Quiz Night.

Tickets to this 18+ event are now available via Qkr! \$10 per person, and you can treat yourself to a share platter at the same time for \$35.

Purchase your tickets before 5pm on 16 August, and you have the chance to win our early bird prize of a free platter for your table! You could even walk away from the Quiz Night with our speciality auction items, a personally signed guernsey from the 36ers basketball team or Port Power football players.

Gather your friends and family to get your team of 8 or 10 ready to be crowned as trivia masters.



# Vinnies Winter Appeal

This winter, we invite students and the community to support the Vinnies Winter Appeal, helping families in need access the basic necessities during the colder months. Collection will occur from Weeks 4-7. Students from R-12 are kindly asked to donate the following items, with each year group and House being asked to donate a specific item. Every donation, no matter how small, makes a big difference. Thank you for your generosity and support.

The Catholic Identity Team

Year Level / House	Donation Type
R / Yr 1 / Nagle	Canned goods (i.e., beans, tuna, peaches)
Yrs 2 – 4 / O'Loughlin	Non-perishable breakfast items (i.e., cereal, jam, dried fruit)
Yrs 5 – 6 / Marlow	New toiletries and sanitary items (i.e., soap, toothpaste, disinfectant, hand creams and lip balms)
Gleeson	New socks
Dally	New blankets

# Cocurricular Program





[Click for the Week 4 fixture](#)

Come and support our Year 9/10 girls' soccer team in their Grand Final this Saturday morning!

## Pedal Prix Update

The final race of the Pedal Prix season took place on August 3rd, marking the end of an exciting series for our St Paul's Racing Teams. Both the middle years team, COGS, and the senior years team, BELTS, proudly showcased the new St Paul's Racing Team car designs for the last race.

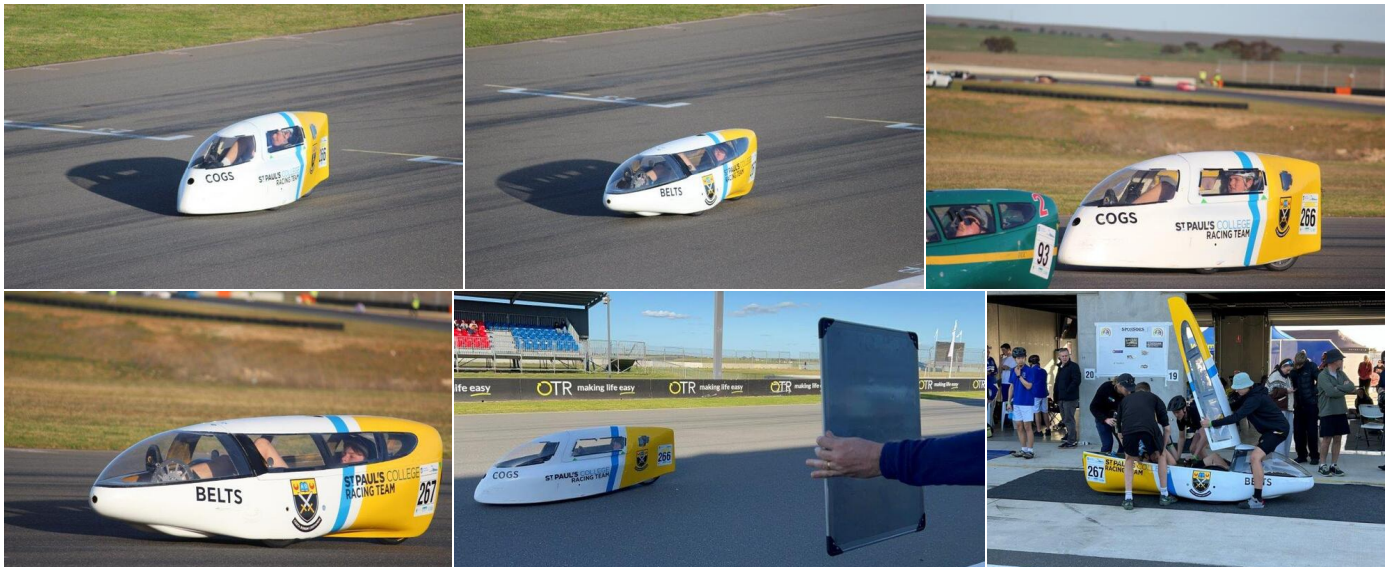
Throughout the season, our teams demonstrated great determination and teamwork across three races:

Race 1: COGS finished 32nd, BELTS finished 26th

Race 2: COGS finished 36th, BELTS finished 24th

Race 3: COGS finished 25th, BELTS finished 21st

We're incredibly proud of their progress and achievements. As we look ahead to the next season, we encourage students with a love for cycling and good endurance to consider joining the Pedal Prix team. We'll begin organising the team early in Term 1 of 2025, and we'd love to have new members on board for another great season!



## Student Sporting Highlights



During the school holidays, Year 10 student Sean L took to the greens to compete in the Country Junior Championship, held at the Loxton Golf Course. Sean played well in this two-day event, tying for 22nd place in his division.

Not stopping there, Sean continued his golfing journey by stepping in for the Eyre Peninsula Division 2 team in the Brett Ogle Cup at Berri on the following two days. His efforts contributed to the team winning in the competition.

Congratulations to Sean for his impressive performances!

## Homework Club

Monday to Thursday, between 3.20pm and 4.20pm, students from Years 5 to 12 are welcome to attend Homework Club in the Resource Centre. Staffing for Week 5 and Week 6 will be:

### Week 5

Monday - Grant Howarth (Art, English)

Tuesday - Stewart Fraser

Wednesday - Maria Gibson (STEM)

Thursday - Carey Taylor

### Week 6

Monday - Stash Domiszewski (Maths, English)

Tuesday - Amelia Marcuccio (Maths, PE)

Wednesday - Stewart Fraser

Thursday - Dana Petrovski (LEAF)

## Employment Opportunities

### Uniform Shop

Are you looking for a casual job opportunity? Our on-site Uniform Shop is hiring!

The shop is seeking a casual staff member to assist during busy periods. If you're interested, please drop off your resume with our shop manager, Wendy, during opening hours (Tuesday-Thursday, 8am-4pm). Hours will vary throughout the year based on school requirements.

### Accounts Payable and Administration Support

We are looking for an organised, and proactive person to join our Administration team as Accounts Payable Officer and Administration Support Officer.

Please see more information [here](#)

## Wonderverses By Patch Theatre



Bonython Hall | The University of Adelaide

10 - 20 October | Ages 4 - 12

Experience Wonderverse, the spectacular interactive arts experience, in Bonython Hall during the October school holidays.

Go on an immersive adventure through a world of light in Wonderverse! Create your own percussive masterpieces, contemplate the vastness of the universe, and control a magnificent sound and light wonderland in this epic performance.

Experience breathtaking lighting by Geoff Cobham, discover epic tunes by Elisha Umuhuri from Aboriginal hip-hop sensation DEM MOB, and – best of all – be part of the action. Adventure awaits in this sensational interactive experience.

“Wonderverse will nurture creativity, inspire scientific curiosity, and offer a memorable art experience for children and their families.” – Artistic Director, Geoff Cobham

Commissioned by the University of Adelaide for our 150th Anniversary celebrations, Wonderverse has been created by Patch Theatre in collaboration with Children’s University, musicians, and composers from the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM) at the Elder Conservatorium of Music, and has involved participation of children throughout the development.

Date: 10 - 20 October, 2024

Time: Sessions commence every 15 minutes

Location: Bonython Hall

Cost: This is a FREE ticketed event, tickets are required for entry

[Register here](#)






We are proud to be featuring some of our students in the Catholic Schools Open Week campaign. Keep a look out for their smiling faces on a bus stop around our local area.

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**ST PAUL'S COLLEGE**



# **MUSIC SHOWCASE**

**Friday 18 October  
Norwood Concert Hall  
6.00-8.00pm**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Ticket details will be emailed once available





# **2024 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL WHERE DREAMS BEGIN...**

**MONDAY 23 - THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER**  
**Festival Theatre, Adelaide Festival Centre**



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Open to the Public







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# JUNIOR BASEBALL PLAYERS WANTED

East Torrens Baseball Club is looking for  
girls and boys aged between 7 and 13 to  
come and play the best sport in town!

Please contact Karen  
Email: [junior.coordinator@etbc.com.au](mailto:junior.coordinator@etbc.com.au)  
Phone: 0459 218 630

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