



## **Upcoming Events**

# Year 12 Graduation Dinner

Date: Thursday 21 November Time: 6:30pm

# Transition Day -New Year 7 2025 students

Date: Friday 22 November

# Year 11 Exams begin

Date: Monday 25 November

# Reception - Year 2 & Year 6 Liturgy

Date: Wednesday 4 December Time: 9:00am

# Parents and Friends Meeting

Date: Monday 2 December Time: 6:00pm

# Year 3-6 Celebration Evening - Year 6 Graduation

Date: Wednesday 4 December Time: 6:00pm

# Middle Year 7-9 Celebration & Awards Assembly

Date: Thursday 5 December

Time: 9:00am

# Term 4 concludes 3.10pm

Date: Friday 6 December

# From the Principal



Dear Friends and Families of St Paul's,

With the completion of Week 6 we finished another summer season of co-curricular activities. As with all aspects of St Paul's over the last few years this area has grown significantly. Not only do we have more activities and more sports teams competing against other schools, but we have more and more students involved in multiple activities. This is a wonderful scenario, clearly demonstrating the significant pride our students have in the College. It is also a very accurate reflection of the commitment of our staff and the co-ordination and energy brought to this by our two coordinators, Mr Nick Gillard and Mr Marcus Deluca. I am sure our students and families are appreciative of their efforts.

#### Art and Tech Show

On Tuesday evening we also hosted the Art and Tech Show in Callan Hall. The standard of all work presented by the students was exceptional and a very accurate and rewarding reflection for all the wonderful work done by the dedicated staff. The parents and families were amazed at the quality.

On behalf of our whole community, I sincerely congratulate Ms Sarah Fedele, Mr Jonathon Prenzler and Mr Michael White for their leadership of these departments, and to Mr Grant Howarth, Ms Sophie Chapman, Mr Patrick Leadbeater, Ms Marie La Dru and Mr Wes Jones for their tremendous efforts in supporting the students.

As always at St Paul's there was so much to be proud of and even more to be grateful for.

Graduation Dinner and Year 10 and 11 Awards Assembly

In what is another extremely busy week we also held our Year 10 and 11 Awards Assembly and our Year 12 Graduation Dinner. The Graduation Dinner represents the very final time our Class of 2024 gather together in the one room. Together with parents and families we reminisce and celebrate what has been a seven-year journey for many of the boys since starting in Year 5. The pride shown by the students and parents allows the staff to feel a great sense of satisfaction and gratitude for the opportunity of helping these students reach their full potential and help prepare them for the next stage of their lives.

The Awards Assembly not only acknowledges academic achievements but also social justice, Christian Service Learning and co-

curricular achievements. This was extremely well attended by parents, grandparents and families, and yet again was a tremendous celebration of the very vibrant life of the College. St Paul's certainly provides a myriad of opportunities for students to excel, and it is especially rewarding to see so many accept that invitation and strive to achieve their personal best.

#### Transition Day

While during this week we say farewell to many students and families, we also say a very heartfelt welcome to many more. On Friday we conduct our Transition Day for all new incoming students for 2025. This is a very important day when the students not only learn more about St Paul's, but have a great opportunity to navigate around the College grounds and meet many new faces, both staff and fellow students from different schools.

St Paul's does this very well, highlighted by the fact that several additional days are offered to families if students have any particular needs. It signifies the start of our partnership and the significant levels of support that are offered from the very beginning of a family's introduction to the College.

We wish the incoming students and their families every happiness and success as this journey begins.

God Bless

Paul Belton

# **Technologies Precinct**



The next stage of the college's capital development program will address some key components of curriculum improvement and growth. The internal refurbishment of our Trade Training Centre will be accompanied by an expansion of that facility, to develop a Technologies Precinct for our College that will house Design and Technology, Food and Hospitality (Food Technologies), and Digital Technologies (including Robotics).

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# From the Secondary Years

#### TRANSITION DAY

On Friday, we will welcome all 2025 Year 7 students to the secondary site for Transition Day, where students will experience the opportunity to make new friends, meet staff, and familiarize themselves with grounds and classrooms in preparation for secondary schooling at St Paul's. Students will participate in various activities across multiple disciplines including Art, Science, Music, and PE, while

also hearing from our student leaders and enjoying a shared morning tea.

As with any significant period of change, transition from Primary to Secondary schooling can be an exciting time in a young person's educational journey, but it can also be a daunting and overwhelming experience for students and families with a shift in routine and environment. Transition Day is therefore integral to support the wellbeing and transition of our new students, and it is always fantastic to see students grow in confidence as the day progresses, while also providing a great opportunity to build connections and strengthen relationships with peers and staff.

A sincere thank you to all staff involved in ensuring that students have an enjoyable transition experience to start their secondary journey at St Paul's, and we look forward to formally welcoming all Year 7 students at the start of 2025.

#### **UNIFORM**

A reminder that as part of the updated college uniform policy, all students are expected to wear black leather lace-up shoes (business style – refer to image) with both the winter and summer uniform. <u>Black leather sneakers will not be permitted as part of the school uniform</u>.

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.



Please also note that our three-year uniform transition period ends at the end of this year.

From 2025 only uniform items purchased for the Midford Uniform Shop will be able to be worn.

The following uniform items will not be able to be worn from 2025:

- Shirts with a small St Paul's logo
- · Light grey pants and shorts
- Black jumper without yellow stripe
- Rugby jumper
- Yellow and Black tie
- Old-Style PE uniform

The updated Uniform Policy can be accessed on the College website here

If you have any questions about uniform, please do not hesitate to contact your House Leader.

#### **TERM 4 EVENT REMINDERS**

#### 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

Anthony Farina - Head of Secondary

# From the Primary Years

Dear Families,

I know some of you might feel my messages are starting to sound repetitive, like a broken record playing the same tune. But I speak from the heart when I say that I feel so strongly about the well-being and safety of the young people in our care. Whether they're at school or out in the community, their protection and happiness are my highest priorities.

As adults, we have the responsibility to be their voice of reason, guiding them when they're still learning to navigate life's challenges. This is something I'm deeply passionate about, as a parent first and foremost, then as the Head of Primary Years. I make no apologies for continuing to advocate for what's best for the students in our care. My hope is that continued conversations help us work together to protect and support children in every way we can.

In today's world, the well-being of our children is increasingly influenced by their interactions online. The Federal Government's proposed

laws to raise the age for accessing social media to 16 have sparked much debate. Regardless of where we stand on this issue, one thing is clear: we all share the responsibility of nurturing our children's self-esteem and mental health.

The media often highlights heartbreaking stories of young people facing online bullying, sometimes with devastating consequences. These stories remind us how crucial it is to create safe environments for our children. Yet, many of us, out of love and a desire to avoid social isolation for our children, still hand over devices or allow access to platforms they may not be ready to navigate.

We know the dilemma. Phones can be seen as tools for safety, essential for keeping track of children as they venture further from home. In reality, they can introduce risks far greater than a missed bus stop. Social media and apps, designed for adults, can expose young minds to harmful interactions, unrealistic comparisons and pressures they are not developmentally equipped to handle.

As parents, caregivers and educators, we must lead with informed judgement. Experts consistently advise delaying access to social media and setting firm boundaries around technology use. This isn't about denying freedom or trust; it's about recognising that maturity takes time. The online world moves fast and without guidance and safeguards, children can quickly find themselves in situations they cannot manage.

Some parents may feel confident their child is responsible with a device. But even the most trustworthy child can encounter challenges they aren't ready for. Platforms like Snapchat, with disappearing messages, or TikTok, with its endless content, make it impossible to monitor every interaction or influence. This isn't about doubting our kids, it's about protecting them from a system not designed with their well-being in mind.

Our children need us to set boundaries and hold firm, even when it's hard. They need us to show strength and solidarity by delaying access to social media until they are truly ready. The more of us who take this stand, the easier it becomes for everyone. By working together, we send a powerful message: their mental health and well-being come first.

Let's be the village that prioritises what matters most. Together, we can help our children grow into resilient, confident individuals, equipped to navigate the challenges of the digital world when the time is right. What step can you take today to support this journey?

As we near the end of term, we kindly ask parents to join us in promoting positive conversations with their children about maintaining respectful behaviour. Our Common Ground document, which reflects our core values of Faith, Relationships, Excellence, and Diversity, guides us in building a school culture where respect for ourselves and others is paramount.

Our Primary Years community at St Paul's College is a beautiful space where students, staff and families thrive together. We truly value the positive partnership we share with you in nurturing each child's journey.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to fostering a respectful, inclusive environment that celebrates the unique strengths of every individual in our school.

Until next fortnight. Take care.

Marianne Loftus - Head of Primary Years

# Adelaide 36ers Partnership T4 Update



This term we have been busy engaging with our Adelaide 36ers partnership through a range of opportunities for our students.

Last week, our Years 4-6 students had the chance to meet Adelaide 36ers players and participate in a coaching clinic. A lucky group even played a game against the players in front of their peers!

Next week, it will be our Reception to Year 3 students' turn to enjoy a clinic experience.

20 of our year 7s had an exclusive coaching session with facilitator Corey, as well as, attending a game day experience where they cheered on the 36ers as they defeated the Illawarra Hawks.

Our high-performance students in years 8-11 were lucky enough to attend a closed Adelaide 36ers training session, gaining insights into the intensity and structure of elite-level practice. They then took part in their own session coached by Adelaide 36ers coaching staff.

Later this term another group of students will enjoy their gameday experience to round out what has been a great first year with our Adelaide 36ers partnership.

























# Senior Years Celebration & Awards Assembly

On Wednesday, we came together as a community to celebrate the outstanding academic, co-curricular, and special achievements of our Year 10 and 11 students at their Academic Assembly.

We are incredibly proud of their dedication, hard work, and commitment to achieving their personal best in all they do. Congratulations to the following students recognised today.

#### **Cocurricular Awards**

- Open A Badminton, Open A Volleyball, and Open A Table Tennis Jordan B
- Drive Tennis Karanveer N
- Open B Volleyball Luke V
- Year 10 Girls Volleyball Mariam B
- 1st XVIII AFL Kaedon B
- 2nd XVIII AFL Sebastian G
- 2nd XVIII AFL Nicholas C

- Open A Basketball Harrison G
- Open B Basketball Aidan B
- Open C Basketball Antoni M
- Open B Soccer Adriano M
- Year 10 Girls Soccer Yanoula K
- Open B Table tennis Jordan C
- Senior Pedal Prix Jacob T
- · Senior Robotics Harrison L
- Senior Years Band: The Sound Exchange Angelina L
- Male Athlete of the Year Blake J
- Female Athlete of the Year (to be awarded at Middle Years Assembly)

#### Commitment to VET Award

Jordan P

#### **Australian Geography Competition Awards**

#### Credits

- Jayaditya B
- Laila-J C
- Alessandra P
- Aryk S
- Rylan V

#### Distinctions

- Aryan P
- Mitchell B

#### **Rostrum Voice of Youth**

Alessandra P

#### **ANZAC Spirit School Prize**

- Caitlinn W
- Alessandra P

#### Year 10 Academic Honours

- Caitlinn W
- Madelaine W
- Niya M
- Taeya V
- Angelina L
- Sofia A
- Alicia B
- Archie B
- Dayal V K

#### Year 11 Academic Honours

- Kuch-Kon P
- Karanveer N
- Alexander R
- Favour I
- Bradley M

#### Year 10 Academic High Honours

- Tamer Abou Hamzeh
- Aryan Nayee
- Alessandra P (Year Level Dux)

#### Year 11 Academic High Honours

- Jeremy Augustine
- Omed Nazari
- Rylan Veltmeyer
- Lucas Zerafa

• Danny H (Year Level Dux)

#### **Christian Service Learning Awards**

- Caitlinn W
- Alessandra P

#### Year 10 ADF Future Innovators Award

Sofia A

#### Year 10 ADF Long Tan Award

Jacob I

#### **Muriel Matters Award**

• Thomas (TJ) SD



# Art and Technology Showcase

On Tuesday, 19th November, St Paul's College hosted it first annual Art and Technology Showcase in Callan Hall. This exciting event celebrated the creativity, talent, and dedication of our Year 7 to 12 students in Art, Design, and Technology.

Callan Hall was transformed into an exhibition space, filled with amazing displays of student work. Staff, students and families had the opportunity to admire a diverse range of projects, including paintings, sculptures, digital designs, architectural models, and innovative technology pieces.

This year's showcase highlighted the incredible imagination and skill of our students, who worked tirelessly throughout the year to bring their ideas to life. It was a testament to their creativity, problem-solving abilities, and attention to detail.

Principal's Stage 2 Art Award: Martin T.

Principal's Stage 2 Design and Technology Award: Samuel B.

Senior Art Prize: Rylan V.

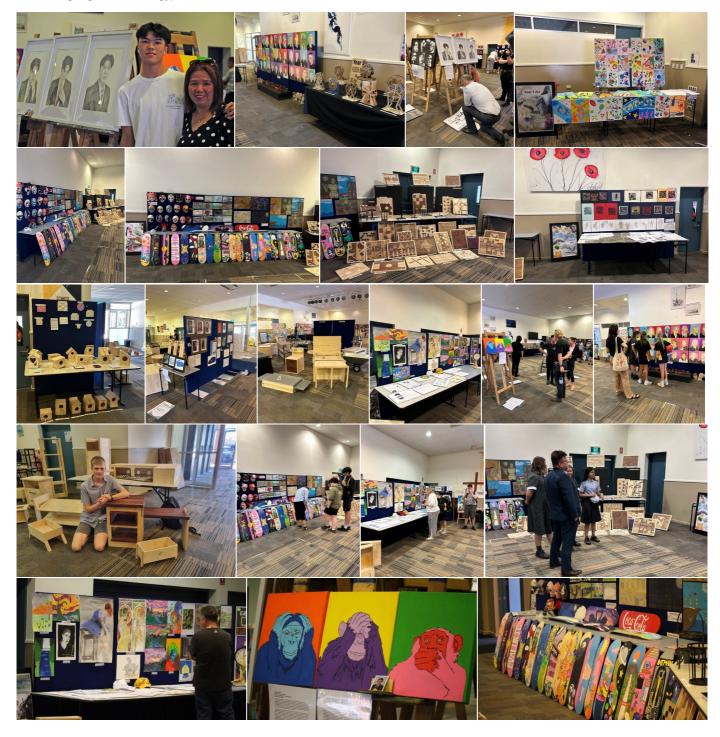
Middle Art Prize: Dash V.

Years 9-11 Design and Technology Prize: Harry L.

We extend our gratitude to the students, staff, and families who attended and supported this event. Special thanks to the teachers who guided the students in their creative journeys.

We look forward to seeing what our students create next year!

Sarah Fedele (Leader of Learning the Arts), Jonathan Prenzler (Leader of Learning Design and Technology) and Michael White (Leader of Learning Digital Technology)





# Year 10 Visual Art: Reimagining Famous Artworks

Year 10 Visual Art students researched famous artists and their iconic works, studying their styles and techniques. They were then challenged to recreate these masterpieces with a modern twist, adding their own unique style and ideas to bring them into 2024.

The final artworks are stunning! Each student's piece shows creativity and skill, offering a fresh and exciting take on classic art. We are so proud of their efforts and the impressive results.

Sarah Fedele - Leader of Learning the Arts



## Tjupurru Performance and Workshop

Recently, we were fortunate enough to have an Indigenous performer Tjupurru visit St Paul's College, performing for our year 7 and 8 students as well as having a workshop with our year 9 music students.

Tjupurru presented an entertaining and educational exploration of the ancient didgeridoo and modern technology. Tjupurru captivated students with his extraordinary live interactive performance, which enabled students to develop a wider appreciation for traditional and cultural arts whilst students were introduced to the amazing world of modern music technologies.

Leanne Savill - Music and Performance Coordinator



#### Dare to Dream: STEM Careers for Girls

Last week, some of our Year 9 & 10 girls attended the Dare to Dream: STEM Careers for Girls excursion at the Intercontinental Hotel, organised by HerTechPath founder Dr Eva Balan-Vnuk. The students were inspired by speakers including the Co-founder and CEO of Teamgage, who spoke about Empowering the Future: Women Shaping the Digital World as well as Rosslyn Cox, a professional coach and TEDx speaker, among others. The day also featured engaging workshops, giving our girls hands-on experiences in STEM. A fabulous day of learning and inspiration!

Jo Williams - VET and Careers Coordinator



# Ethics Olympiad - Middle Years

Some of our year 7-9 students recently showcased their critical thinking and teamwork skills in the Middle School Ethics Olympiad. This unique competition challenged them to engage in meaningful discussions about important ethical issues. Working together, the students tackled complex dilemmas, such as those surrounding artificial intelligence, by exploring diverse perspectives and presenting thoughtful, well-reasoned arguments. Well done to all involved!





# 2024 ANZAC School Spirit Prize Presentation



Congratulations to Alessandra and Caitlinn who were presented with their Premier's Anzac School Spirit Prize Medallions at the Torrens Parade Grounds Drill Hall by Minister for Education Blair Boyer. They are both looking forward to their study tour in Vietnam next year.

Christabella Iuliano - Key Teacher: Gifted and Talented Education

# Mural Complete: Our Cultural Identity

We are excited to announce the completion of our mural project. A vibrant celebration of the diversity, unity, and cultural heritage within our St Paul's College community. Designed and created in collaboration with students and artist in residence Holly Shadiac, the mural reflects the puzzle pieces of cultural diversity coming together as one. The vibrant colours used makes it an eye-catching artwork and it stands as a powerful symbol of inclusivity and pride.

Be sure to visit and admire this incredible work of art!

Sarah Fedele - Leader of Learning the Arts



# International Men's Day

On November 19th, St Paul's College celebrated International Men's Day, highlighting the importance of men's health and well-being. Students and staff showed their support by purchasing donuts for \$3, with all proceeds going to Eddie Rice Camps.

The Catholic Identity Team



## Cocurricular Program

Click here for Week 6 fixture

#### 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 7 and Week 8 will be:

Week 7

Monday - Ryan Austin (PE, Robotics)

Tuesday - Sarah Fedele (Art)

Wednesday - Michael Sosa (LEAF)

Thursday - Matt Bailey (LEAF)

Week 8

Monday - Perry Campbell (Science and Maths)

Tuesday - Stephanie Vidoni (LEAF)

Wednesday - Stewart Fraser

Thursday - Stash Domiszewski (Maths, English, PE)

# Uniform Shop Update

The St Paul's College Uniform shop will be opened for extended trading hours for the last week of Term 4 2024 (Monday 2 December - Friday 6 December) from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm.

The shop will close for the school holidays on Friday 6 December 2024 at 4:00 pm and re-open on Wednesday 8 January 2025 at 9:00 am.

Trading hours for school holidays:

Wednesday 8 January 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Thursday 9 January 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Friday 10 January 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Monday 13 January 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Tuesday 14 January 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Wednesday 15 January 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Thursday 16 January 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Friday 17 January 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Monday 20 January 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Tuesday 21 January 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Wednesday 22 January 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Thursday 23 January 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

†Friday 24 January 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Normal trading hours will resume on Tuesday 28 January 2025.

Please note that full uniform fittings are strictly by appointment only.

Bookings can be made here

\*New families are welcome to make early fitting appointments in November and December during normal trading hours in addition to appointments available in school holidays\*



# **GIRL'S COME & TRY**

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

22ND NOVEMBER 2024 | 5:00-6.00PM





UNDER 8'S TO UNDER 18'S (2007 TO 2018)

MEET OUR 2024 PREMIERSHIP PLAYERS & 2025 COACHES

REGISTER TO ATTEND



# SA ULTIMATE



YOUTH LEAGUE

# 25TH NOVEMBER -16TH DECEMBER

- Ages 13 16 all skill levels welcome!
- What to bring light & dark shirt, drink bottle, cleats/sandshoes

Contact: Oscar Turnball Oscar@saultimate.net



4:45-6:15

## **Registration Link**

https://safda.usetopscore.com/e/2024-term-4-youth-league







The South Australian



The South Australian Italian Community Language School is offering a new experience-based Italian language program for young people aged 8-14 years to enhance children and their understanding of language, culture and heritage.

The Italian Language Experience Program offers young people opportunities to learn the Italian language with peers while participating together in a range of experiences such as engaging with diverse cultural groups, and with Italian social media networks, visiting Italian fruit and vegetable gardens and markets and preparing Italian dishes and participating in virtual exchanges with peers in Italy.

More than traditional language classes this varied program brings young people together and provides opportunities to understand contemporary Italian Australian life and their heritage, using language and shared experiences to make these connections.

# **SAITALIAN COMMUNITY** LANGUAGE SCHOOL

#### Register today!

Scan the QR Code to complete online form and register your interest.





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Read More

## Starting soon in 2025!

Saturday mornings in Term 1 of 2025, an Italian language and culture program will run as a series of two-hour classes and we hope parents will also use this opportunity to meet and connect over a coffee while the classes are held.

#### The first of its kind...

The first of its kind for the Italian community, the Italian Language Experience Program will be offered through the South Australian Italian Association with the supiport of Community Language Schools South Australia (CLSSA).