



Upcoming Events

Year 12 Learning Conversations

Date: Tuesday 29 July
Time: 3:45pm - 6:00pm

Parents and Friends Meeting

Date: Monday 4 August
Time: 6:00pm

Careers Expo - Years 10-11

Date: Thursday 7 August
Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Year 10 Camp - Group 1

Date: Tuesday 12 August - Wednesday 13 August

Year 10 Camp - Group 2

Date: Wednesday 13 August - Thursday 14 August

Book Week

Date: Monday 18 August - Friday 22 August

College Musical - The Little Mermaid

Date: Wednesday 20 August - Friday 22 August
Time: 7:00pm

Student Free Day - Staff Professional Development

Date: Monday 1 September

Year 9 Camp - Group 1

Date: Tuesday 2 September - Thursday 4 September

Year 9 Camp - Group 2

Date: Wednesday 3 September - Friday 5 September

Parents and Friends Quiz Night

Date: Friday 5 September
Time: 6:30pm

Catholic Schools Music Festival

Date: Monday 22 September
- Thursday 25 September
Time: 7:30pm

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From the Principal



Welcome to Term 3!

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to Term 3 and the second semester of the 2026 school year. A particularly special welcome goes to our new mid-year Reception students and their families - we're delighted to have you join our school community.

Last week, I had the privilege of speaking to our Secondary School students at the Academic Awards Assembly. I spoke about the exciting opportunity that a new term and a new semester bring: a chance to build on the achievements of previous learning, reflect on areas for growth, and set new goals or aspirations for what might be achieved. Most importantly, I encouraged each student to have a go, to strive for excellence, and to aim to be the best version of themselves.

I shared the following quote from Theodore Roosevelt's 1910 speech in Paris, often referred to as the 'Man in the Arena' speech. In my reflection, I emphasised that Roosevelt's message speaks to all of humanity - not just to 'men' as originally phrased:

"It's not the critic who counts; it's not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could've done them better.

The credit belongs to the person who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred with dust and sweat and blood... who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if they fail, at least fails while daring greatly."

We're excited for what this semester will bring and look forward to working in partnership to support our students as they dare greatly, strive for excellence, and become the best versions of themselves.

Patrick Harmer - Principal

From Anthony Farina, Head of Secondary

Years 7-12 Semester 1 Academic Assembly

Last Friday the college celebrated the semester 1 achievements of our Year 7-12 cohorts, where over 150 students were recognized for their academic achievements and/or commitment to studies throughout terms 1 and 2.

Throughout the year, the College has emphasized the theme of 'Striving for Excellence,' encouraging students to give their very best in all areas of school life. Each student can achieve excellence through their approach to learning, which is evident through their attitude, effort, and ongoing commitment. The Academic Endeavour awards have recently been introduced to recognize those who consistently prepare well, participate fully, and complete tasks diligently across every subject. While some subjects may present more challenges than others, each student has the ability to choose how they approach their studies and the effort they invest in their work.

Semester Two offers a fresh start for students to reset and re-align actions to achieve their goals, and I encourage all students to continue striving for excellence as we commence the second half of the academic year.

2026 Subject Selection

Over the coming weeks all Year 8-11 secondary students will receive information regarding 2026 subject selection. While this is a relatively straight forward process for Year 8 and 9 students, it marks a significant decision-making period for Year 10 and 11 students as they begin to refine their subject selections to best support their academic success and future pathway.

To further support this process, each year level will attend a student presentation which outlines the process of 2026 subject selection.

- Year 8 – Monday 11 August
- Year 9 – Tuesday 12 August
- Year 10 – Monday 4 August and Thursday 7 August
- Year 11 – Monday 4 August and Thursday 7 August

All students and families are strongly encouraged to access the 2026 Curriculum Handbook (available on the College website next week), which outlines specific information regarding each year level and subject offerings. This includes new subjects such as Food and Hospitality, Nutrition, Child Studies, and new on-site VET offerings.

Year 10 and 11 Subject Selection

As part of Year 10 and 11 presentations, Leaders of Learning will provide subject-specific information for their respective learning areas and will be available to answer any student questions. In addition, students will receive guidance on the SACE, including the requirements they need to meet for successful completion.

Specifically for Year 10 and 11 students, there are several aspects that require consideration to make the best and most informed decisions that will maximise student success and achievement.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Selecting subjects that students enjoy and are aligned with their strengths.
- Referring to the SATAC guide to determine if there are subject prerequisites for specific University courses.
- Understanding if their chosen subjects have a 30% examination weighting (Year 12 only).
- An honest reflection on previous/current subject performance, to determine the likelihood of future success in that subject.

Furthermore, below are key dates for our Year 10 and 11 students and families:

St Paul's College Career and Subject Evening

Thursday 7 August 6:00 – 8:00pm

A key component of the Subject Selection process is for students and parent/carers to attend this information evening as:

- Subject Selection forms will be distributed to each current Year 10 and Year 11 student.
- Students and parents/carers will attend a 30-minute session which explains VET options and the SACE.
- Have access to a variety of exhibitors from industry, Universities, TAFE and traineeship brokers.
- Teachers will explain the nature and requirements of subject offerings at Stage 1 and 2 in 2026.
- Industry professional and representatives from Universities, TAFE, and traineeship brokers will be available to discuss potential career pathways with students.

Attendance is compulsory, and all students are required to wear full Winter uniform.

Year 11 into 12 Subject Selection

Monday 18 August 9:00am – 4:00pm

Current Year 11 students will complete their Year 12 2026 Subject Counselling on this day, where each student will meet with their Leader of House to receive counsel on their 2026 Year 12 subject selections. Details will be sent to Year 11 families regarding the process to select an available time to meet.

Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection

Tuesday 26 August 2:00pm – 7:00pm

Current Year 10 students and families have the opportunity to book a time with a Leader of Learning or Leader of House to receive counsel prior to making final subject selections. Families will be sent details on how to book a time to meet should they wish.

Anthony Farina - Head of Secondary

From Marianne Loftus, Head of Primary Years

Dear Families,

A warm welcome back to Term 3! Often known as the coldest and wettest of the year, this term also brings with it the chance to embrace all things winter; cosy reading corners, steaming cups of Milo, and gumboots lined up by the door. While the rain may be relentless at times, so too is the energy and enthusiasm of our students as they learn in spaces full of curiosity and connection.

As we settle back into the routines, we gently remind families of the importance of wearing the correct St Paul's College uniform each day. Uniforms are not only practical, but they symbolise our shared identity and the pride we take in belonging to our vibrant college community. Wearing the correct uniform helps ensure a sense of equality and belonging for all students, removing distractions and 'status symbols' and letting our learners shine through their actions and achievements. You can revisit our uniform guidelines at any time on our college website [here](#).

Looking ahead, we're already counting down to Book Week in Week 5, with this year's exciting theme: "Book an Adventure!" This is always a highlight in the Primary Years calendar, where we celebrate the joy of reading, the power of storytelling and the endless adventures that await within the pages of a book. Families can expect dress-ups, story times, the Book Week Parade and, of course, plenty of fun-filled learning that sparks imagination and creativity.

We look forward to another wonderful term of learning, growth and strong partnership with you all. Let's make Term 3 a positive and purposeful chapter in our school year.

Until next fortnight

Marianne Loftus - Head of Primary Years

Academic Assembly





Don't Miss Out on St Paul's College Musical: The Little Mermaid!

Our talented students have been working hard behind the scenes to bring the magical world of The Little Mermaid to life on stage!

Performances are just around the corner, so now is the perfect time to secure your seats.

Show Dates: Wednesday 20 August, Thursday 21 August and Friday 22 August 2025

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: The Parks Theatre, Angle Park

[Click here to purchase tickets](#)

Join us under the sea and support our amazing cast and crew – we can't wait to see you there!



Cocurricular Program

It's been a big week for sport at St Paul's!

Our First XVIII football team defeated Cardijn in a great contest to secure their place in the Grand Final, which will be played next Wednesday. We wish the team all the best as they prepare for the big game!

Congratulations to our Year 7/8 Knockout Netball team, who have made it through to the final four of the State Knockout Competition after a 4-goal win against Glenunga.

Our First XI Soccer team showed great resilience and teamwork in their clash against Cabra. Despite a close defeat, the team finished equal first on the ladder and will now compete in the semi-final next week.

Well done to all teams on your outstanding efforts and sportsmanship!

[Click here to view Week 2 Fixture](#)





Lola the Wellbeing Dog

We were thrilled to welcome Lola, our new Wellbeing Dog, to her first day at St Paul's College.

Lola spent the day visiting classrooms, meeting students and gently exploring her new environment. She enjoyed quiet moments with students, joined in playtime (especially with a soccer ball and her favourite toys) and even attended a Primary Leadership meeting!

Her calm and friendly presence supports our commitment to student wellbeing and we look forward to seeing the positive impact she will have across our community.

We're excited for the journey ahead!

Victoria Romeo - Inclusive Education Coordinator (Primary Years)



Music Performance News

Welcome Mr Niemann!

We are extremely fortunate to have welcomed Mr Brock Niemann to our Performing Arts Department in Semester Two. With a background in jazz performance, specialising in trumpet, Mr Niemann brings valuable experience in band conducting, instrumental teaching and music theory. His positive attitude and genuine enthusiasm for creating a fun, engaging and educational classroom environment inspire students to develop a lifelong love of music.

Performance Dates for Term 3

We are excited for the upcoming performances that will showcase the talent, hard work, and creativity of our student musicians. These events offer our young performers valuable opportunities to share their musical achievements with the wider school community. Whether you're a family member, friend, or supporter of the Arts, we warmly invite you to join us throughout the term for what promises to be a vibrant and inspiring celebration of music.

Instrumental and Vocal Music Concert - Primary Years

(Week 4) Wednesday, 13 August 4-5pm - Auditorium

'The Little Mermaid'; College Musical - Secondary Years

(Week 5) Wed-Fri 19-22 August - The Parks Theatre

Instrumental and Vocal Music Concert - Secondary Years

(Week 6) Wednesday 27 August 4-5pm - Auditorium

Annual Music Evening

(Week 8) Wednesday 10 September 6-8pm - The Shedley Theatre

Year 10 & SACE Performance Evening

(Week 10) Monday 22 September 4-5:30pm - Auditorium

Student Performers at Academic Assembly

Thank you to Mr Oria and our dedicated group of student musicians for your outstanding performance at the recent Academic Awards Ceremony. Your musical contribution added a special touch to the event and created a memorable atmosphere for all in attendance. We sincerely appreciate the time, effort, and passion you brought to your performance. It takes great courage and professionalism to perform in front of the entire College community!

Year 7 and 8 Music – Semester Two

Teachers: Mr Niemann, Mr Howarth and Mrs Marrie

We welcome a new cohort of students to music in the classroom.

This semester, Year 7 students will explore a wide range of musical experiences designed to build their confidence and creativity. They will develop rhythmic skills by utilising body percussion and Incredibox software in performance and composition tasks. Students will learn to read notation and perform on the guitar, both solo and in ensemble settings. They will also investigate music from ancient cultures and take part in hands-on activities that deepen their understanding of music's role across time. Throughout the program, students will build foundational performance, theory, and listening skills to support their future musical learning.

In Year 8, students will build on their foundational music skills through a range of creative and performance-based activities. They will develop core piano and guitar techniques, read traditional notation and chord charts, and perform solo and in group settings with a focus on timing, accuracy, and musicality. Students will explore music analysis through a DJ-style interview comparing original songs with cover versions and will compose an original theme using Sound Trap, inspired by a character they create in Hero Forge. Along the way, they will deepen their understanding of music theory, aural skills, and the expressive potential of musical elements across different styles.

Veronica Marrie - Music & Performance coordinator





ST PAUL'S COLLEGE

INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL

MUSIC

SOLO CONCERT SERIES

PRIMARY YEARS: WEDNESDAY, 13 AUGUST 4-5PM
SECONDARY YEARS: WEDNESDAY, 27 AUGUST 4-5PM



AUDITORIUM: ST PAUL'S COLLEGE



Year 10 Outdoor Ed Mountain Biking

Yesterday, our Year 10 Outdoor Education students took part in a Mountain Biking Skills Day at Cobbler Creek Recreation Park. The day was all about building confidence, developing technical biking skills, and working together in a challenging but fun outdoor environment.

Students navigated a range of trails and obstacles, learning how to tackle different terrains while practising safe riding techniques. The excursion was a fantastic opportunity for students to step outside their comfort zones, support one another, and build resilience through hands-on experience.

Jessica Stace - Leader of Learning Health & Physical Education



Behind the scenes on the Technologies Precinct Development

Parents & Friends Quiz Night

Get ready for a fun-filled evening of trivia and friendly competition at our upcoming Parents & Friends Quiz Night!

Date: Friday 5 September 2025

Time: 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

Location: St Paul's College Gym

Tickets: \$10 each. Available to purchase now via Qkr!

Get in early to go in the draw for a special early bird prize. Don't miss out!

This is a great opportunity to test your trivia knowledge, catch up with other parents, meet some new faces, and enjoy a fun, relaxed night out. It's all about bringing our parent community together, sharing a few laughs, and supporting the College at the same time.

*To make the night even more successful, we're reaching out to our generous community for **donations of raffle prizes or items** we can use for giveaways on the night. Big or small, every contribution helps and is greatly appreciated.*

If you or your business would like to support the event with a prize donation, please contact the college or drop items off at our front office.

We can't wait to see you there!

18+ ADULT EVENT

proudly brought to you by the
Parents and Friends Committee

**PRIZE
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QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 5 September 2025
6.30pm for a 7:00pm start
St Paul's College Gymnasium

BOOK NOW

via the **Qkr! app**
tables of 8 - 10 people

**BOOK TO
WIN
EARLYBIRD
PRIZE**

RAFFLES, GAMES AND PRIZES!
hosted by QuizzaMe



ST PAUL'S COLLEGE **\$10 TICKETS**

Scholastic Book Fair

 You're invited to our
SCHOLASTIC Book Fair
Every dollar equals resources for our school

Find these books
and more at the
fair




In the Primary foyer
After school Wednesday 30th July
Before and after school Thursday 30th, Friday the
1st and Monday 4th Finishing Tuesday 5th before
school.

Old Scholars Reunion - Spread the word!

We're excited to be hosting an Old Scholars Reunion in November for the graduating classes of 1975, 1985, 1995, 2005 and 2015!

It's a great opportunity for former students to reconnect with classmates, share memories, and see how much the College has changed (or stayed the same!) over the years.

If you have family or friends who graduated in any of these years, please let them know—we'd love to see as many familiar faces as possible!

Click here to RSVP



Old Scholars Reunion
Friday 7 November 2025
From 5:00pm
ST PAUL'S COLLEGE - MACKILLOP BUILDING
DRINKS & FINGER FOOD PROVIDED
Please RSVP via link provided
CLASSES OF 1975, 1985, 1995, 2005 & 2015



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 3 and 4 and their areas of expertise are:

Week 3

Monday - Mr Howarth (Art, Media)

Tuesday - Mr Leadbeater (Design & Tech) & Miss Veras (Geography, English, Science)

Wednesday - Mrs Clapton (Maths, Science, English)

Thursday - Ms Hutter (English) & Mrs Sinkinson (English, Religion)

Week 4

Monday - Ms Tanoe (Maths)

Tuesday - Ms Keynes (English)

Wednesday - Mrs Fedeles (Art)

Thursday - Mr Kemp (English, Economics)

Catholic Schools Magazine

Jump to page 10 of the Catholic Schools Magazine to read about the Year 9 Rite Journey Program.

Extend OSHC



Extend is back in action for Term 3!
We're delighted to welcome you back into our on-site Outside School Hours Care!

This term's theme for our OSHC services is: ***Growing Together in Term 3.***

This theme is all about children coming together to develop their skills and learn more about growth through science and nature themed activities and games!

This is a fantastic opportunity for your children to get involved in a bit of science, earn their green thumbs, and enjoy different ways to learn and play with new and old friends!

What's happening in Term 3

Bug Hunt: Head outside and go on a hunt for insects of all kinds while learning about observing and respecting wildlife.

Seed Sprouting Experiments: Plant your own seedlings, take care of them, and watch the growth over the term!

Nature-Themed Artworks: Gather natural items from outside and use them to create beautiful artworks!

And so much more to enjoy in Term 3!

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY



FUN ACTIVITIES



HEALTHY SNACKS



SAFE, DEVICE-FREE SPACE

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