



Upcoming Events

Term 4 concludes

3.10pm

Date: Friday 6 December

From the Principal



Dear Friends and Families of St Paul's,

It is with an extremely heavy heart that I write my final newsletter article as Principal of this amazing and beautiful College community. The past ten years have absolutely flown by and been full of the most wonderful and professionally rewarding experiences of my and my family's life. I deliberately include my family in saying that as they have shared the journey and constantly speak of St Paul's. They all follow us on Facebook, constantly marvelling at how special the school is!

I vividly remember the opening Assembly in 2015 when 8 students spoke words of welcome in their various native languages. This was in the presence of my family, including my then 85-year-old father. We were all teary-eyed then and spoke at home of how special St Paul's appeared to be, even at first sight! Earlier this term my now 95-year-old father, my wife Deirdre and all our six children attended the Farewell Assembly – and again we were all overwhelmed with the same feelings of gratitude at being so unconditionally loved by a community that has given us so much.

Trying to find the right words to describe St Paul's is a challenging task. Trusting, caring, lovingly diverse, respectful, safety-conscious, protective, driven to excellence, relationship-based, and faith-filled are just a few that describe how innately beautiful it is. We are an educational institution and providing a holistic, values-driven, academically excellent environment is at the core of our existence and is our purpose. But, as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition, we will always work tirelessly to live by our FRED values and our EREA Touchstones. This is not an easy task and navigating our way through ever-changing challenges is relentless. Societal pressures on families and then in turn on young children seem greater than ever before. What some students and their families have as burdens in life seem quite extraordinary and, in many ways, unfair. Hence, who we are as a caring, inclusive, supportive Catholic community must never change.

The most important word we use to describe who we are and who we will continually strive to be is FAMILY! We try our absolute best to treat our students as our own sons and daughters, the families as our own, the staff as sisters and brothers to each other. If this drives us and when combined with a commitment to understanding and empathy, the community flourishes. This is not easy so we must commit to our motto; *Certa Bonum Certamen* – to Fight the Good Fight, as St Paul himself would want us to do! I like to think that St Paul, Edmund Rice, Catholic Education S.A. and EREA Colleges Ltd all believe we do an exceptional job in this regard!

With a decade of amazing experiences comes a decade of even more amazing and loving relationships. To all the students, my heartfelt thanks for the laughs, the challenges, the sometimes-tough conversations that make us better people and for your commitment to growing into the absolute best version of yourself. To the families who have entrusted your daughters and sons to us. Thank you. That is a responsibility we have always taken seriously, knowing that sometimes we have more time with the children than some parents do and

that it is only through working in partnership that any child can become who God wants them to become. We know that families trust us in this pursuit, and so again we say, thank you all.

To all the staff, past and present, who really do make St Paul's the amazing place it is. It has been an inspiration to be given the blessing of being able to employ so many exceptional educators. We are and have been blessed with an amazing number and quality of applicants to join our family. To have shared marriages, births of children, passing of parents, sicknesses, milestone birthdays and so many other special occasions, has been a privilege.

The College is in exceptional hands, and this will only get better next year and beyond.

Staffing within a school also brings its challenges and as the Principal I know, and I accept the responsibility of making decisions that are not always easy and have an adverse effect on individuals. While I am particularly sorry about that, I hope people do understand we must always make decisions that are in the absolute best interest of our students.

Finally, to the Executive and Leadership Teams I need to express the deepest level of gratitude. Some people say that leadership can be a lonely existence, but it is not that way at St Paul's. We have some of the most outstanding professionals you could only dream of working with. Mr Josh Foulis our Deputy Principal is the ultimate in that statement, a colleague who epitomises loyalty, trust, diligence, and commitment to all things St Paul's. I certainly could not fulfil my role without him, and I am more deeply blessed when this is magnified by our exceptional Executive Assistant Ms Kerrie Cook, Ms Marianne Loftus (Head of Primary), Mr Tim Martin (Business Manager), Mr Anthony Farina (Head of Primary), our Secondary Leadership Team and our Primary Leadership Team.

As Meister Eckhart once said, "If thank you is the only prayer you ever pray in your entire life, it will be enough." While that seems far too little to offer as an expression of my most sincere gratitude, I will promise this, that the St Paul's family will always remain at the forefront of my thoughts and prayers. I will follow with great love and appreciation, all the future developments of St Paul's and watch with a smile on my face, as we continue to live the life of an exceptional educational institution and welcoming family – to all.

I hope that you all enjoy the real meaning of Christmas. That the peace and joy God brings through the birth of Jesus gives much happiness, hope, and love to you and all those you care deeply about.

Take care, God Bless and thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Paul Belton

From the Secondary Years



SECONDARY AWARDS AND CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Throughout this term the college has held several celebrations to acknowledge the academic and co-curricular achievements of our Year 7 to 12 students and their contribution to our community.

A sincere thank you to all involved in the preparation of these events, and to all students and families for their support and attendance. Such events allow us to celebrate the wonderful efforts and hard work of our students, and we also had the opportunity to present the following students with special awards of recognition:

- St Joseph Vocational Training Award - Liam Kinloch
- Commitment to VET Award - Jordan Paovic
- St Gregory Music Award - William McCulloch
- Middle Years Music Award - Abigail Banez
- Sean Ross Award - Hayden Connell
- Male Athlete of the Year Award - Blake Jones
- Female Athlete of the Year Award - Anna Bior
- Christian Service Learning Awards
 - Oliver Castillo
 - Alessandra Pergoleto
 - Caitlinn Wroniak
 - Mannat Kataria
 - Ella Gholami
 - Lachlan Aird
- ANZAC Spirit School Prize
 - Alessandra Pergoleto
 - Caitlinn Wroniak
- Year 10 ADF Long Tan Award - Jacob Ivancic
- Year 10 ADF Future Innovators Award - Sofia Addabbo
- Year 12 ADF Long Tan Award - Martin Trieu
- • Year 12 ADF Future Innovators Award - William McCulloch
- Principals Awards
 - Dante Bates
 - Simon Zadrima
 - Benjamin Marshall
 - William Martin
 - Marc Francesca
- Nano Nagle Award - Zoe Walter
- Muriel Matters Award - Thomas San Diego
- Ampol Best All-Rounder Award - Lachlan O'Brien
- Callan Award - Christian Kovios
- Edmund Rice Award - William McCulloch
- 2025 College Captain - Jackson Rohrlach
- 2025 College Vice-Captains
 - Bradley Middleton
 - Kingston Hammond
- 2025 Dally House Captain - Jamie Agius
- 2025 Gleeson House Captain - Sebastian Gladwich
- 2025 Marlow House Captain - Jean-Tonna Hernandez
- 2025 Nagle House Captain - Rocco Giugliano
- 2025 O'Loughlin House Captain - Jay Faugno

MIDDLE YEARS GRADUATION

On Thursday 5 December, the secondary community acknowledged the Middle Years Graduation of our Year 9 students.

Year 9 is the culmination of our Middle Years, where many experiences, significant academic learning, social development, and an increased awareness of self-identity, are pivotal. For this reason, it is important that we celebrate the Middle Years Journey of Year 9 students as they ready themselves for the Senior Years – a time of consolidating one's strengths, developing specific skills and

attributes, and understanding who they are as a young person and what they can contribute to their world.

During this ceremony, each graduating Year 9 student was announced by their Leader of House in front of the secondary community and presented with a special certificate from College Principal, Mr Paul Belton, as a token of congratulations.

We look forward to the introduction of the Rite Journey Program in 2025, to further strengthen the Rite of Passage Program for our Year 9 students.

UPDATED UNIFORM POLICY

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. 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.

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](#)

Anthony Farina - Head of Secondary

Middle Years Awards Celebration





Wellbeing Support Services

The following websites may provide you with information and resources to help in times of crisis or challenges with mental health.

Beyond Blue - [24/7 Support for Anxiety, Depression and Suicide Prevention](#). - [Beyond Blue](#)

Centacare - [Centacare Catholic Community Services](#)

Baptist Care - [Homepage](#) - [Baptist Care SA](#)

Uniting Care - [UCWB](#)

Drug and Alcohol - [Alcohol & Other Drugs Support Services](#) | [Sonder](#)

Headspace - [headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation](#)

Lifeline - [Lifeline Australia](#) - [13 11 14](#) - [Crisis Support](#). [Suicide Prevention](#).

Kids Helpline - [Kids Helpline](#) | [Phone Counselling Service](#) | [1800 55 1800](#)

1800RESPECT - [Home](#) | [1800RESPECT](#)

Headstart Graduation at Adelaide University



Through the University of Adelaide Headstart program, William completed two semesters of university-level mathematics, earning High Distinctions in both. This outstanding result showcases his dedication, talent, and passion for learning. A huge congratulations to William McCulloch on his incredible achievement!

From the Primary Years

Dear Families,

As the year comes to a close, our Primary Years community has been buzzing with excitement and celebration. This week, we came together for two significant events that captured the spirit of our college.

The Reception to Year 6 End of Year Liturgy and Awards Celebration was a heartwarming moment to reflect on our shared journey this year. It was a delight to honour the achievements of our students. The joy on the students' faces and the pride of their families filled the space with warmth and gratitude.

The Year 6 Graduation and Rite of Passage Liturgy marked a milestone for our oldest Primary Years students. The beautiful ceremony was a time for reflection, celebration and farewells as we recognised their contributions to our community and their readiness to embark on the next stage of their learning journey; whether it is continuing here at St Paul's or moving on. The evening concluded with a special dinner, where laughter and sharing memories made it a night to remember.

This final week of term has been filled with joy, from excursions to creative projects and shared moments on the playground. It's been a fitting conclusion to a year rich in learning, collaboration and growth.

A thriving community doesn't happen by chance. It's built on the dedication and partnership of our staff, students and families. Together, we've created a vibrant, supportive Primary Years environment, as an integral part of the St Paul's College family, where every child can

flourish. Thank you for choosing to be part of this journey and for contributing to the life of our college.

As we prepare to pause and recharge, I wish all our families a peace-filled Christmas and restful holidays, wherever your plans may take you. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2025 for another year of fun, engaging learning experiences.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Marianne Loftus

Head of Primary Years

Primary Liturgy and Awards Ceremony

Academic Excellence Award Year 5 Anthony - Bilal T

Academic Excellence Award Year 5 Costanzo - Divit S

Academic Excellence Award Year 6 Clapton - Sebastian G

Academic Excellence Award Year 6 Vassiliou - Collin P

Co-curricular Best and Fairest Awards

Cricket - Jal P

Tennis A - Prayag S

Tennis B - Dhyan P

Year 7A Tennis - Kavish S

Basketball 5/6 - Brandon T

Basketball 4/5 - Marco A

Primary Chess - Charley C

Netball 5/6 - Qanita S

Netball 3/4 - Jessica A

Soccer Year 6 - Benedict Mayen

Soccer Year 5 - Cyrus W

Soccer Year 4 - Jett C

Soccer Year 2/3 Black - Dhyan K

Soccer Year 2/3 Gold - Harrison Y

Primary Dance - Sophie N

CSMF Choir - Athieng M A

Primary Robotics - Sebastian G

Athlete of the year - Emma A and Daniel B

Christian Service Learning Awards

Reception Samaraseka - Harry G

Reception Romeo - Sargun S

Reception McGlaughlin - Ava G

Year 1 Baron - Eliana A

Year 1 Barone - Manaia C

Year 2 Burton - Aria L

Year 2 Barone/Arnese - James B

Year 3 Bennett - Faysal Z

Year 3 Hayward - Agamjot M

Year 4 Jones - Maia T

Year 4 Thoday - Albert J

Year 5 Costanzo - Briella V

Year 5 Anthony - Sophie N

Year 6 Clapton - Gabriel S

Year 6 Vassiliou - Naksh S

Ambrose Treacy Awards

Rec Samaraseka - Sage Compain

Rec Romeo - Imogen Hastwell

Rec McGlaughlin - Bjorn Carman

Year 1 Baron - Sargun Kaur

Year 1 Barone - Ella Erkilinc

Year 2 Burton - Leo Singh

Year 2 Barone/Arnese - Harleen Walia

Year 3 Bennett - Manish Chakkaravarthi

Year 3 Hayward - Erleen Sran

Year 4 Jones - Jace Morgan

Year 4 Thoday - Jaxon Heading

Year 5 Costanzo - Divit Shah

Year 5 Anthony - Vedant Shukla

Year 6 Clapton - Manreet Kaur

Year 6 Vassiliou - Francesco Leonello

Torrens - Our Common Ground Ambassador

Emanuel Z

Torrens - Volunteer Award

Natalie D

Student Ambassadors for 2025

Aidan L

Bilal T

Divit S

Andre C

Amaya S

Evie S

Briella V

Banipreet G

Primary Years House Captains

Nagle House - Gavinmeet B and Lexi D T

Dally House - Leonardo V and Gursift M

O'Loughlin House - Sassinia F and Riley O

Marlow House - Ali N and Sophie N

Gleeson House - Rauna S and Sebastian I

Crossing Leaders

Lily G and William K

Lunch Order Leaders

Hunter H, Athieng M A, Samarbir J and Devansh S







St Paul's was Grinched!!

On Tuesday, St Paul's had a surprise visitor trying to stir up some mischief! The Grinch (aka Mrs Morris) made an unexpected appearance, sneaking around classrooms and offices with a mission to steal Christmas!

Students and staff were caught off guard as the green troublemaker tiptoed through the school, trying to swipe holiday cheer. But fear not—Cindy Lou Who (Mrs Hanks) came to the rescue, spreading kindness and saving the day!



Year 9's Hit the Greens

The Year 9 students had a fantastic time exploring lawn bowls during their Target Games unit in Weeks 6 to 8. Over two visits to the Modbury Lawn Bowls Club, they worked with experienced coaches to learn the basics of this skilful and surprisingly tricky game.

The students practiced how to use the correct bias and weight and the techniques to facilitate accurate delivery and strategic play. The coaches from the bowls club shared tips and tricks to help everyone improve while keeping the sessions fun and engaging.

Students showed great focus, teamwork, and enthusiasm during both visits. Their positive attitudes and willingness to try something new impressed the coaches, who encouraged them to keep playing. The atmosphere was supportive, with students cheering each other on and celebrating successes.

This unit wasn't just about developing skills—it was also about building confidence and patience, all while having a good laugh with classmates. For many students, it was their first time playing lawn bowls, and they walked away with a new appreciation for the sport.

Thanks to the Modbury Lawn Bowls Club for hosting and sharing their expertise. It was a great experience for everyone involved!



Primary Gelato Day

Ciao Amici!

On Thursday 28 November, students from Mid Year Reception to Year 6 enjoyed a vibrant Italian themed day. Dressed in the festive colours of Italy: green, white, and red, they celebrated with a delicious gelato treat. The students had a fantastic time! This is what they had to say:

Agam Year 1- "My favourite day was gelato day because we got to eat gelato and talk to our friends!"

Natalia Year 1- "I loved gelato day because this year there was mango, which is one of my favourite flavours."

Rehmat Mid Year Reception- "I enjoyed eating the yummy gelato in the playground with my friends!"

Caleb Year 2- "I enjoyed dressing up in the Italian colours and eating gelato!"

A big thank you to the Parents and Friends Committee for their kind contribution, which helped make this special day possible.

Alla prossima – until next time!

Signorina Arnese - Primary Italian Teacher



Bridging the Gap: Middle school students lead Year 6 transition at St Pius X School

This week, a group of middle school students had the opportunity to make a meaningful impact in our community by leading Year 6 St Pius X students through a morning of activities designed to help them transition to secondary school.

For the middle school students, they had the chance to hone their leadership and communication skills while practising empathy. It was clear from their enthusiasm that they were not only excited to give back to their community but also proud to help the Year 6 students see the bright future that awaits them in secondary school.

Christabella Iuliano - Acting Religious Identity Leader (Middle Years)



Building Connections Through Advent Crafting

Miss Hayward's and Mrs Bennett's Year 3 classes collaborated with Miss Iuliano's Year 7 and Year 9 LEAF classes to engage in Advent craft activities. This collaboration provided a wonderful opportunity for the primary and high school students to interact and work together. It was a positive experience that helped foster social skills and build connections between the younger and older students, creating a sense of community across different year groups.

Jaime Hayward - Year 3 teacher



Cocurricular Program

Year 8 Volleyball

This term, our Year 8 Girls Volleyball Team achieved an incredible milestone, finishing their Saturday Competition undefeated! Having played together for the past two years, the team has shown remarkable growth in both their confidence and skills.

Their dedication and teamwork were evident as they overcame challenging matches to maintain their winning streak, ultimately emerging as an unstoppable force.

Congratulations, girls, on an outstanding season!

Amelia Marcuccio- HPE Teacher

Year 8/9 cricket

The Year 8/9 cricket team finished their season with a nail-biting win. Joseph and Flynn stepped up under pressure, securing the runs needed to avoid an Australian Test-style collapse and bring home the victory against St Michael's.

1st XI Cricket

St Paul's College 1st XI Cricket team are celebrated for a most successful season in 2024. Undefeated in Term 1, the highly competitive Twenty-20 interschool competition on Friday evenings in Term 4 brought about a semi-final appearance. Sadly defeated in the semi-final, students are commended for their representation of our college, as well as their growth as cricketers and young people.

Josh Foulis, 1st XI Cricket Coach



Uniform Shop Holiday Opening Hours

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

â€•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**

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Christmas Holiday Office Hours

Mon 9 Dec	Closed
Tues 10 Dec	8:00am - 4:00pm
Wed 11 Dec	Closed
Thurs 12 Dec - Fri 13 Dec	8:00am - 4:00pm
Mon 16 Dec - Fri 20 Dec	9:00am - 4:00pm
Mon 23 Dec - Fri 3 Jan	Closed
Mon 6 Jan - Fri 18 Jan	9:00am - 4:00pm
Mon 20 Jan - Fri 24 Jan	8:00am - 4:00pm
Mon 27 Jan (Australia Day)	Closed

The South Australian



Italian Association

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.

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



The South Australian Italian Association (SAIA)
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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 support of Community Language Schools South Australia (CLSSA).

[Read More](#)

