



8 December 2023

## Upcoming Events

**Middle Years  
Celebration Evening**  
Date: Thursday 7 December  
Time: 6:00pm

**Activity Day  
Reception - Year 9 -  
Last Day of Term 4**  
Date: Friday 8 December

**School Holiday  
Opening Hours**  
Date: Monday 11 December  
- Sunday 29 January

## From the Principal



Dear friends and families of St Paul's

Well, we have made it through yet another year. That is not meant to sound like a struggle but rather an expression of gratitude for everyone in our St Paul's community for their continued love and support of the great college. As in all schools and walks of life we have had our share of tough times this year but overwhelmingly we have had an awesome year, full of amazing celebrations and stories that we will share forever.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have held some beautiful liturgies and celebrations. The year 12 graduation, the year 10-11 senior presentation and celebration evening, year 9 Rite of Passage, Reception-year 2 final liturgy and presentations, year 3-6 liturgy and presentation together with the year 6 graduation dinner and finally our year 7-9 community celebration evening. Every single one of these was beautiful, representing so much of the St Paul's we can all be proud of. We must thank the Catholic Identity Team (Mr Joe Hicks, Mrs Maria Girolamo-Corbo and Ms Miranda McGlaughlin) for all the preparatory work for the liturgical aspects and Mrs Bonie Phillips, Mrs Marianne Loftus, and the primary leadership team, as well as Messer's Josh Foulis, Matthew Muscat, John Grave and all staff who significantly contributed to the ceremonies. Thank you so much.

At this time of the year, we also say farewell and welcome to several staff. Several farewells include staff who have been here for many years, some just this year and the welcoming extends to staff from all occupations and into all different areas of the College. We still have not finished yet either.

A summary of both groups is as follows.

Staff who are leaving:

- Craig Coombas - Teacher for 24 years
- Rose Sgro - Resource Centre Coordinator for 17½ years
- Libby Verrall - Teaching & Learning Coordinator for 8 years
- Kristynn Ross - Teacher/Religious Identity Leader Primary Years for 7 years
- Grazia Lustrì - Teacher for 2½ years
- Joe Hicks - APRIM for 2 years
- Emily White - Teacher for 2 years
- David Knight - Teacher for 2 years
- Anastasia Stavropoulos - Teacher for 1½ years
- Daniel Shepley - Teacher for 1 year

- Loren Harrison-Garton - Teacher for 1 year
- Tara Marshall - Teacher for 1 year
- Anh Nguyen - Teacher for 1 year
- Amelia Honner - Teacher for 1 year
- Deanna Benetti - Teacher for 1 year
- Hamish Morelli - Teacher and college counsellor for 5 months

Details of new staff to the College in 2024:

#### Primary Years Teaching Positions

- Eleni Vassiliou – St David's Parish School
- Tessa Baron - Elizabeth Vale Primary School

#### Middle and Senior Years Teaching Positions

- Emily Coymans – Sacred Heart College
- Samuel Martin – St Michael's College
- Daniel Torode – Rostrevor College
- Maria-Grazia Vicario – new Graduate
- Marie La Dru – St Columba College
- Trisha Harding – Our Lady of Hope
- Cristina Maiese – St Ignatius College

#### Middle and Senior Years Leadership Positions

- Anthony Farina, Head of Secondary - CBC
- Carlo Librino, Leader of Wellbeing (Middle School) – Gleeson College
- James Keating, Leader of Wellbeing (Senior School) – Nazareth Catholic College
- Leanne Savill, Music & Performance Coordinator - Xavier College
- Dale Clarke, Acting APRIM – Sacred Heart – Sacred Heart College

#### Secondary Years Inclusive Education ESO Positions

- Deanna Dimasi
- Abbey Hodgson

While the departure of many of our staff is a sad occurrence, most are moving on to new challenges and some promotional positions in other schools. As a community, we offer them our most heartfelt thanks for their contribution to our community and wish them and their loved ones all the best for the next chapter of their lives.

Likewise, we welcome all those new staff into the St Paul's family and sincerely hope their time with us is both rewarding both personally and professionally.

#### Merry Christmas

On behalf of the whole staff, I wish every family the absolute best for the upcoming Christmas season. May the real meaning of Christmas, i.e., the birth of our Savior Jesus, warm your hearts and bring you the joy and hope that this beautiful time is meant to do.

We very much look forward to a well-earned break and even more to welcoming you all back for the 2024 year.

Take care and God Bless

Paul Belton

## Primary Years Update

Dear Families,

As this is the last newsletter for 2023 and our year together has drawn to a close, it is timely to say thank you to the many members of our St Paul's College Primary Years Community:

To our students for their hard work, friendliness and their eagerness to learn. We are fortunate to work with children who love to learn

and love to come to school every day. Thank you, students.

To our families for all your support of our college in many ways. We have had a wonderful year with many parents assisting and supporting through a variety of activities such as classroom helpers, attending sporting events, going on excursions as well as through their attendance at school functions. We thank you for your generosity of time and hard work. We consistently worked hard in partnership with all of our families for the benefit of all children in our Primary Years.

To our wonderful staff. Their professionalism and dedication to our community is inspirational. Their commitment to the learning and teaching agenda, even when faced with last minute daily changes to routines, they never lost sight of their roles. All our staff have ensured that the children in our care were safe and equipped to cope with all that was being asked of them. Thank you to all staff.

To everyone who did anything to assist and support our great school community in 2023, we say thank you!

Now to our Year 6 learners, we bid you a fond farewell from our Primary Years. We are so proud of the young people you are and wish you every success in your next adventure in education. Whether it be here at St Paul's, or somewhere else, may you continue to follow in Edmund Rice's footsteps, and remember to always 'Fight The Good Fight!

We wish all staff and families who are leaving us at the end of this year, all the very best on your life journey. May St Paul's College community always hold a place dear in your hearts, as you will in ours.

Finally, may the peace that the birth of Jesus brings, fill your hearts and homes. Have a wonderful Christmas and restful summer holiday with families and friends. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 29 January 2024, for our Welcome Conversations.

Until then, take care.

Marianne Loftus  
Head of Primary Years  
2023 Empowering Voices



## R - 2 End of Year Liturgy

On Wednesday morning all Reception, year 1, year 2 and year 6 students gathered together for an end of year liturgy. The early years students had the opportunity to farewell the graduating year 6 students. Students celebrated through sharing prayers, songs and dances. It was lovely to have so many family members join us for this end of year liturgy.

Miranda McGlaughlin - Religious Identity Leader (Primary Years)



## End of Year Celebrations

This week has been a huge week of celebrations! In addition to our Reception - year 2 Liturgy on Wednesday morning our primary celebration evening for 3 - 6 was held in the evening. This was a wonderful night of celebrating our students achievements and our graduating year 6 students. Thursday was our Middle Years celebration evening and year 9 graduation. Please keep an eye out on our social media and our Good Fight Magazine for photos of these special occasions. The Good Fight will be in your letterboxes during the Christmas break.



# Middle Years Learning Expo

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and special guests who joined us for our Middle Years Expo last week! It was wonderful to watch our students actively engaged and proud to be sharing their learning journeys from Semester 2.







## SA First Tech Challenge

St Paul's fielded three teams at the SA FIRST Tech Challenge State Championships and they were all outstanding ambassadors for the college.

Our year 7 team, the Squires of St Paul, narrowly missed out on a win to the Knights of St Paul in the semi-finals. In the grand final, the Paladins of St Paul defeated the Knights to become tournament champions.

The teams also won several awards, making us even prouder. The Squires won the runner-up Think Award for their outstanding engineering portfolio, while the Knights won the Motivate Award and became alliance finalists. The Paladins won the Innovate Award, runner-up control award, and captain of the winning alliance. We are thrilled to announce that the Paladins have secured a place at the Australian championships next month.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported our students this year. The students have grown and learnt so much about project and time management, collaboration, and tolerance. We hope their experience will inspire other students to participate and pursue their passion for science and technology. Congratulations to all the teams, and we wish the Paladins the best of luck at the Australian championships.





### Cocurricular Shots 2023















## Year 8/9 Football Results 2023

Won 7, Drew 1, Lost 2

Game 1 at Sacred Heart 13 May St Pauls : 17 - 16 defeated Sacred Heart : 4 - 6.

Game 2 at CBC 20 May St Pauls : 6 - 4 defeated CBC : 3 - 7.

Game 3 at St Pauls 27 May Cardign forfeited

Game 4 at Rostrevor 3 June St Pauls 7 - 5 lost to Rostrevor 12 - 7

Game 5 at St Pauls 10 June St Pauls : 18 - 24 defeated St Peters : 2 - 4.

Game 6 at St Pauls 24 June St Pauls : 12 - 5 defeated St Ignatius : 4 - 0

Game 7 at St Pauls 29 July St Pauls 5 - 7 lost to Rostrevor 11 - 3

Game 8 at St Michaels 5 August St Pauls 15 - 17 defeated St Michaels 1 - 0

Game 9 at CBC 12 August St Pauls 7 - 8 drew with CBC 7 - 8

Game 10 at Rostrevor August 19 St Pauls (6- 14) DEMOLISHED Rostrevor (2 - 7) with only 17 players on an 8:30 am cold wet morning (pictured below)



Back: Cooper, Glorie B, Jye H, Oscar L, Riley F

Middle: Jack F, Blake J, Jimmy M, Brodie R, Jack N, Aiden V, Finn B, Mr. Hrycek, James D, Archie B  
Front: Ashton McW, Dante B, Calem P

## Middle School Volleyball

This seasons middle school volleyball teams saw strength in numbers and skills, with males and females participating across both volleyball teams. Whilst volleyball was a new sport for some students, more experienced players willingly took on the role of mentor and helped to develop and foster their teammates volleyball skills during Thursday night training sessions. Although many games were won, and some were lost, it was clear that both teams not only developed in their volleyball skills but friendships and a sense of mutual respect amongst teammates was established. A huge shoutout to Sofia A, who had the confidence in herself to join what was initially an all-male team. Sofia later paved the way for several other females to also join, including Eva H, Fatima F, and Sabia J. I want to commend my players on their diligence, and sportsmanship skills this season and wish them all the best with their future sporting endeavours.

Christabella Iuliano



## Primary Years Cross Competition

Jace M in Year 3 was announced as the winner of our primary years cross competition. All primary students were invited to enter a cross design for the new primary years building. Jace's design will now be cut to a larger scale on the schools laser cutter for display in our new primary years front office. Congratulations Jace!





## Italian Paint n Sip™ Sip

The Year 5s had their first 'Paint n' Sip' experience, where they were guided to create their own vibrant Pop Art-style artworks on canvas!

With the beautiful outdoor setup on the Resource Centre deck, this cultural art experience allowed the year 5s to let their creativity flow, while sipping on juice and listening to a fun, upbeat mix of Italian and pop music.

Guided step by step, students learnt a number of painting techniques such as blending, bubble-wrap texture and drip-effect to create their favourite gelato on canvas! Students were so proud of their finished masterpieces and enjoyed the entire Paint n' Sip experience. Well done Year 5s!

For more information about painting sessions with Brushflicks n' Chill, visit [www.brushflicksnchill.com.au](http://www.brushflicksnchill.com.au)

Miss Harrison





## Bounce Excursion

On Monday our Reception and year 1 students celebrated their hard work from the year with an excursion to Bounce. Students enjoyed a range of climbing, jumping and balancing activities. Thanks to all our parent volunteers for attending!



## VET Careers



Australian Government  
Department of Defence

### *Defence Work Experience Program*

Defence Work Experience has released some work experience placements for South Australia for 2024.

Applications are now open for the following experiences:

1. **Australian Army Band Adelaide 2024** – this is an ongoing placement. Students will have to attend Warradale Barracks for four Tuesday evenings. It would ideally be suitable for any highly talented Year 11 and 12 music students.
2. **Army Museum Experience** at Keswick (June)
3. 3 Options for **Army Familiarisation** at Keswick are available here (June, August or October/November)

The Defence Work Experience team will close applications for experiences once candidate numbers reach a maximum (at their discretion). It is therefore recommended that students apply as soon as possible.

## Uniform Shop Holiday Opening Hours

St Paul's College School Uniform Shop will close for the school holidays on Friday 8 December at 4.00pm.

Extended Trading Hours:

- Monday 15 January 2024 - Friday 19 January 2024 9.00 am - 4.00 pm
- Monday 22 January to Thursday 25 January 2024 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

The uniform shop will return to normal trading hours on Tuesday 30 January 2024.

Order online and your order will be packed when we return to school or make an appointment **here**

Midford website passphrase: Stpauls1958

## Extend OSHC



Summertime is just around the corner, and the Extend Squad is ready to provide you with a holiday program like no other!

Our holiday programs offer amazement all across Australia! If you're looking to plan out your summer with fantabulous experiences, we've got the summer program just for you!



Please note – due to maintenance and capital works to be undertaken by the College, the Vacation Care program will be unavailable from Monday 18 December and will reopen on Monday 15 January. These vacation care restrictions are unique to this year and dates will be reviewed again before the 24/25 vacation period.



Monday 11th to Friday 15th December 2023 - OPEN

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd December 2023 - CLOSED - Capital/maintenance works

Monday 25th to Friday 29th December 2023 - CLOSED - Xmas period shutdown

Monday 1st to Friday 5th January 2024 - CLOSED - Xmas period shutdown

Monday 8th to Friday 12th January 2024 - CLOSED - Capital/maintenance works

Monday 15th to Friday 19th January 2024 - OPEN

Monday 22nd to Thursday 25th January 2024 - OPEN

Extend OSHC will also be available all day for the pupil-free day on Monday 29 January 2024.



Book for Term 1 or the whole year! Whether you work, study or have personal commitments, Extend is here for you.

Bookings for the 2024 are now open, so take on Term 1 fully prepared with Extend!

#### GROUP ACTIVITIES!



Get together and make new friends through fun and exciting activities!

#### HEALTHY SNACKS!



Stay fueled and enjoy a delicious selection of healthy snacks!

#### WARM ENVIRONMENTS!



Relax, play and learn in a comfortable and safe environment!

Set yourself up for a new year  
of extraordinary at [extend.com.au](https://extend.com.au)

## Summer Holiday Junior Tennis Coaching Clinics



Hot Shots Tennis Coaching is fun to try!

Valley View Tennis Club - Elizabeth Crescent, Valley View

- Clinic 1: Mon 18, Tues 19 and Wed 20 December 2023
- Times: 9am – 10:15am or 10:15am – 11:30am
- Clinic 2: Mon 8, Tues 9 and Wed 10 January 2024
- Times: 4:00pm – 5:15pm or 5:15pm – 6:30pm
- Clinic 3: Mon 15, Tues 16 and Wed 17 January 2024
- Times: 4:00pm – 5:15pm or 5:15pm – 6:30pm

*Times may vary due to demand or weather*

Bargain price of \$35 for 3 days; \$25 for 2 days; \$15 for 1 day. \$5 discount for 2nd child. Discount applies if you book in for 3 days!

Book in early to reserve your spot and pay on the day.

Registrations to: Matt Ford, VVTC Club Coach: [ford.matt@bigpond.com](mailto:ford.matt@bigpond.com) or 0412 855 073

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