



St Paul's College Walla Walla

SPOCA

St Paul's Old Collegians Association

Spotlight

Winter 2023

Principal's Message

As we gathered together earlier this year to celebrate 75 years of St Paul's College, it was clear the positive impact this place has had on so many lives around the country and beyond. The love and affection was evident through those who travelled long distances to join us, and those who had stayed close by over the years, support and following our journey.

The 75th demonstrated a snapshot of the current opportunities for our students and breadth of talent in both our student and teaching community. St Paul's is a vibrant and energetic school with a bright future. We are currently working to capture that through the renewal of our Mission, Vision, Values, and our Strategic and Master Plan.

Part of our continued development is the focus on meeting our students' unique gifts, skills, and needs. We face complex technologic challenges, demanding the need for change in the delivery of learning including the physical look and space of our classrooms. This year, a team of staff have visited other schools around the country to understand how they are approaching contemporary learning. With the addition of a lift providing greater access to Jacob House (original boarding house), we are using the upstairs areas to prototype room configurations, flexible furniture and contemporary teaching practices.

We encourage you to keep connected with us, and follow our progress as we support our students to take on an uncertain future with courage, confidence and creativity.

Anita Morton





**ST PAUL'S
COLLEGE**
WALLA WALLA, NSW

CELEBRATING

75 *Years*
1948-2023

Friday, 17th March 2023

St. Paul's College Grounds, 3 Klemke Ave, Walla Walla NSW

75th Anniversary Celebrations

What a wonderful afternoon and evening we had on Friday 17th March. With perfect weather and close to 700 Staff, Students, Parents, Old Collegians and Community Members celebrated 75 years of St Paul's College.

We were honoured to host four members of the Foundation Class of 1948 - Cecil Lieschke, Lorraine Wiesner, Joan Gibbons and Harvey Heinjus. A Thanksgiving Service followed by formal proceedings which included presentations to the Foundation Students and to the Walla Walla Historical Society.

The new Lutheran Schools Partnership, InspirEd was officially launched by Anita Morton (SPC), Brad Moss (St John's Jindera and St Paul's Henty) and Janet Moeller (Wagga Wagga Lutheran Primary School).

Demonstrations, food and activities ran well into the evening, culminating in the drawing of the P&F Raffle. Thank you to all who attended, and to all who had a part in the planning of the event.





75 YEARS OF ST PAUL'S COLLEGE

First 25 Years



FOUNDER OF COLLEGE

Reverend J.T.P. Stolz

ZION CHURCH HALL

The Walla Walla Lutheran Church Hall was rented and used as the first school.

HOUSE SYSTEM INTRODUCED

Leidig and Kavel

KITCHEN/DINING/ DOMESTIC STAFF UNIT



ONE HUNDRED STUDENTS

St Paul's achieved a milestone when 103 students answered the roll call in term one of 1955.

SECOND HEADMASTER

Mr G. R. (Tom) Schultz

TWO-STOREY GIRLS DORMITORY

Dedicated on April 30th, 1961.



SCHOOL FARM PURCHASED

Previously leased from Wenke Estate.



SECOND DORMITORY

Dedicated on March 20th, 1966.



FIRST SCHOOL BUS RUN



1948 - 1956

FIRST HEADMASTER

Mr Werner Hebart

1948

1948

THE FIRST ROLL IS CALLED

28 pupils (sixteen boys and twelve girls) in attendance.



1950

ASSEMBLY HALL, PECH LABORATORY AND ORIGINAL CLASSROOM BLOCK DEDICATED



1954

BEGINNING OF SPOCA

First reunion of Old Scholars.

1955

FIRST OFFICIAL RINGING OF THE BELL TOWER

Replacing the old 'bell' (a Ford brake drum).



1955

FOUR NEW TENNIS COURTS

1958

1959 - 1961

1961

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION FORMED

1962

OPENING OF THE RURAL SCIENCE BLOCK

Used primarily as a classroom for Wool Classing and Agriculture.



1965 - 1966

1967

NEW SCIENCE LABORATORY

A historic occasion as it was the first Government funded building at St Paul's.

1969

TRIO OF BUILDINGS

New Library, Headmaster's Residence and second Science Laboratory were ready for the 1972 school year.

1971

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Second 25 Years

75 HECTARES NORTH OF PIONEER DRIVE PURCHASED

The land is currently used for the Equine Centre and sheep paddocks.

1972 - 1985

THIRD HEADMASTER

Mr Peter Nitschke



1973

THE NEW CLASSROOM BLOCK

The first brick classroom block nicknamed the 'pizza hut'.



1974

ALBURY BUS RUN BEGAN

Along with a bus run from Henty.

1975

TWO HUNDRED STUDENTS

207 students were enrolled for the 1976 school year.

1976

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ELECTRIC SIREN

The old school bell was now only needed during blackouts.

1977

STABLES, RIDING AND EXERCISE AREAS ESTABLISHED

ADMINISTRATION BLOCK OPENED



1978

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE GYMNASIUM



J.T.P. STOLZ MEMORIAL CHAPEL AUDITORIUM

Dedicated on March 20th, 1983.

1983

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FIRST YEAR 7 CAMP

Held at the Hume Weir Resort.



HEBART HALL (DINING ROOM)

Opened and dedicated on March 31st, 1985.

1985

VERTICAL CARE GROUP SYSTEM INTRODUCED

1985

FOURTH HEADMASTER

Mr Theo Helbig

1986 - 1997

AUSTRALIAN AEROBICS CHAMPIONS

Held at the World Congress Centre in Melbourne, where the 'Walla Wipeouts' became Australian School Aerobics Champions.



1993

FIRST OVERSEAS EXCURSION

Ten students and two teachers went to Bali in the Term Three holidays.

1996



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Third 25 Years

NITSCHKE HOUSE
New 64-bed Boys Boarding House dedicated and opened on March 28th, 2004.



NEW TENNIS COURTS
Opened in conjunction with the Walla Walla Tennis Club.



NEW NETBALL & BASKETBALL COURTS

COMMUNITY GARDENS
The installation of sixteen garden beds allowed Walla Community Gardens to begin the following year.



EIGHTH PRINCIPAL
Mr Donald Walkley

STAFF AND STUDENT HUBS

Following the demolition of the Original Classroom Block (Lieschke Building), the staff hub and student hub (new library) are opened ready for the school year.



NINTH PRINCIPAL
Ms Anita Morton



1998 - 2005

FIFTH HEADMASTER/PRINCIPAL
Mr John Brew-Bevan

2004

RAY KOTZUR TECHNICS AND DESIGN CENTRE
To be used for woodwork and metalwork.



2005

2006 - 2010

SIXTH PRINCIPAL
Dr Barry Krueger

2007

2011 - 2016

SEVENTH PRINCIPAL
Pastor Mark Doecke



2015

ELSIE GROSSE RESIDENCE OPENED
Providing 20 additional beds for girl boarders.

2017 - 2021

THE FLEXI
Officially opened in February 2018, the extension to the Wenke Block provided four new flexible classrooms hence 'The Flexi'.



2020

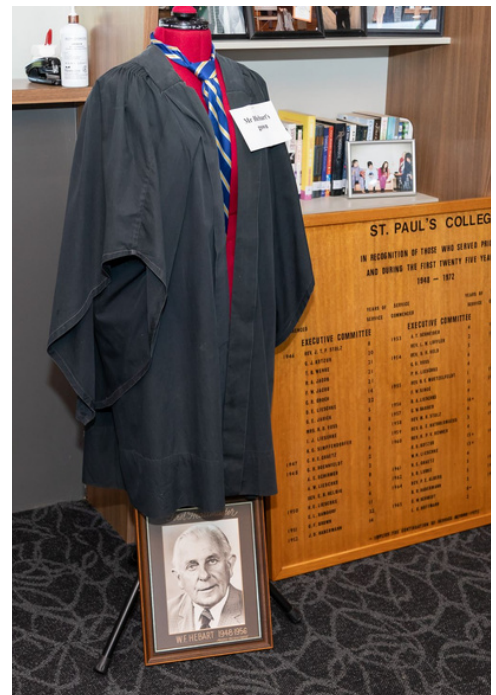
2020

CHAPEL REFURBISHMENT
Seating and carpet are replaced in the Chapel making the space more comfortable.

2022 - PRESENT

2023

THREE HUNDRED STUDENTS
Growing numbers saw St Paul's reach a milestone with over 300 students enrolled for the 2023 school year.



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Peter Pan Production

Productions continue to be a very special highlight on our calendar. This year we were blessed to experience the wonderful world of Never Never Land. Our cast and crew, capably lead by Mrs. Stacey Hartwich and Mr. Damien Foley, staged an entertaining and visually spectacular production with lots of laughs, guest canine stars, and even some flying. Thank you to the huge list of people who support the production in big and small ways - it was a fabulous opportunity to gather as a community and celebrate the talent of our young people.





Our Plans for the Future

At our 75th Anniversary Celebrations, a draft concept master plan was unveiled and people were encouraged to give feedback. Part of the Plan involves a new Multipurpose Hall (see below) which is envisaged being built facing the eastern oval. This would provide ample room for all school gatherings, indoor sport and gym activities as well as College productions and presentations. Attached would be showers, toilets and change rooms for College sporting activities. This facility would also have a commercial kitchen and hospitality classrooms attached. A large awning on the eastern side would provide spectator cover for watching sporting events and would incorporate some design elements from The Hub.

The full draft concept plan is available on our [website](#).



Figure 13 Proposed Multipurpose Hall from west

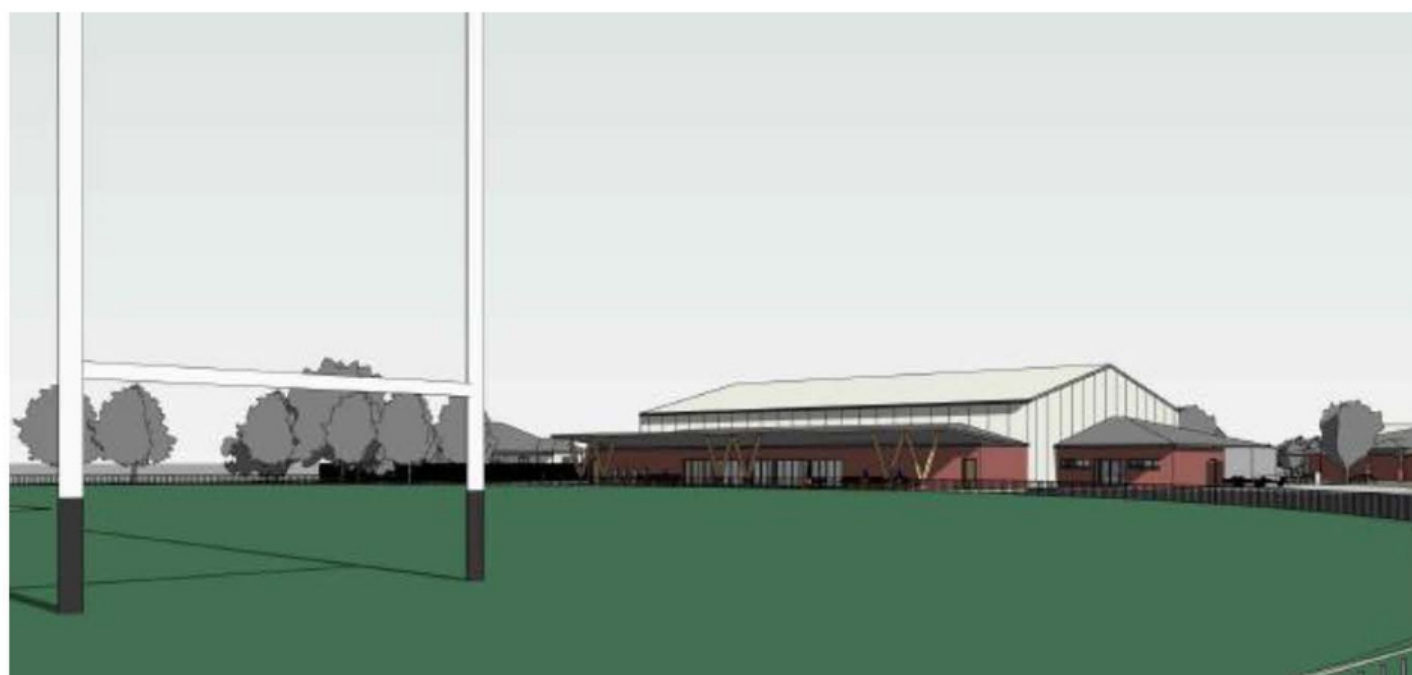


Figure 12 Proposed Multipurpose Hall from oval

Staffing Update

Pastor John Borchert

At the end of Term 2 we said farewell to Pastor John, a valued member of our College community after 20 years of service. Our Senior Leaders delivered touching Chapel service celebrating Pastor John's contribution to our school.

We will still see Pastor John around Walla, as he takes up the call as Parish Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church Walla. Blessings to you PJ.



Reunion - Class of 1980-1985 March 2023

If are planning a reunion, please make contact with us and we will assist in any way we can, including holding a tour of the College.



On behalf of our Year Group we would like to say thank for allowing us to take a tour through the College after 40 years. It was great to see it again and it bought some good memories & stories back.

Special thanks to Principal, Anita Morton for showing us around.

David Lieschke

Congratulations

Former Deputy Principal receives Riverina Association of Schools Outstanding Service Award

Terry Caldwell, former Deputy Principal, and staff member for 27 years has received an Outstanding Service Award for the Riverina Association of Schools.

Terry received Life Membership for Combined Independent Schools in 2010 and since his retirement has continued to serve. From 2010 to 2022 Terry selflessly supported in three roles - CIS Secondary AFL Convenor, Secondary AFL manager and on the Secondary Management Committee. He still continues to lead the RAS facilitating the access of country students and guiding teachers from the Riverina region to CIS sport.

Congratulations Terry!



Where are they now?

If you have some news you would like to share, please send us an [email](#).



Chloe Lieschke, Class of 2016
Bachelor of Human Nutrition
Graduated 19/12/19
Master of Dietetic Practice
Graduated 9/2/22

Visitors



On 8th March, it was lovely to catch up with siblings Colleen McRae (nee Bahr) (1962-1963), John Bahr (1962) and Peter Bahr (1963-1968) who paid us a visit and had a tour of the campus.



Dulcie Schmidt (nee Seidel) (1951-1953) recently visited St Paul's with her husband, Leon, and local past student Duina Hoffmann (nee Drabsch) (1951-1954). Dulcie and Leon are currently living in Toowoomba.

In Memoriam

Elizabeth Heir (nee Jacob, 1952-1953) passed away in June.
Narelle Richardson (nee Knobel, 1979-1982) passed away in July.
Geoffrey Scholz (1958) passed away in February.
Warren Doig (1978-1979) passed away in October 2022.

We send our deepest condolences to all those who have suffered the loss of loved ones.
Our sincere apologies if we have missed anyone.

YEAR 5 DISCOVERY DAY



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See what makes St Paul's such a special place, come to our Year 5 Discovery Day.

THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

Parent tours and information sessions at 9am while students experience a day of learning activities.



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