



The College of St. Paul's

Whoever **you** are, whatever **your** story, **you're** welcome here with us.

Residence Read

October 2021

Dear Residence Community

Welcome back for the start of Term 4. It's good to now be at the start of Week 3 and we haven't had any COVID-19 disruptions!! Or have I spoken too soon.. Anyway, it has been so good to see all the residents back and engaging with each other and catching up on what feels like months apart. In fact, it does have the feeling that we are at the start of the school year and everyone is returning from the Christmas holidays!

I would like to congratulate Emma Morris and Michael Smith who have been named the 2022 Learning in Residence Leaders. I'm excited to work closely with both Emma and Michael as they lead the resident cohort through this Term and into 2022!

We also farewell our Year 12 cohort as they only have two more weeks of classes before they begin their HSC exams. I'm looking forward to sitting down one night next week with them and celebrating their time in the Learning in Residence around the firepit while eating some pizza.

Sadly, the Learning in Residence is still under Level 3 COVID-19 restrictions, which means we can't have any excursions/off-site activities, except for essential shopping on a Saturday. We are unable to have visitors, and parents/caregivers can only do a drop off/pick up in allocated parking areas on campus. We still have staggered mealtimes, and all our staff and residents are practising social distancing and hand hygiene etc. I am hopeful over the coming weeks we may see some of these restrictions ease and I thank all residents for their cooperation and patience in adhering to these restrictions. Even though we have been under tight restrictions, we have still managed to provide lots of activities for our residents including indoor soccer, basketball, dodgeball, art & craft, baking & cooking, painting, board games, pool, table tennis, Church and study!

A friendly reminder that the Exeat Weekend will be here soon and to make sure residents are organised in advance for this.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

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Exeat Weekend

The Learning in Residence will close from 4pm on Friday, November 5th and open from 2.30pm on Monday, November 8th.

Buses will operate as per usual on the Friday afternoon and Tuesday morning.



Please like and follow our Learning in Residence Facebook and Instagram pages. They are updated most days with all the great things our residents are doing. Just search @stpaulsresidence or stpaulslearninginresidence



Girls' Resident of the Week

Week 2

Isabel Mannes

Isabel has made a great start to Term 4. She is a valued and positive member to the boarding community and is a role model for her fellow peers to aspire to be. She is always well spoken, gives everything a go and is always encouraging her peers. Isabel works hard and is more than happy to volunteer to help out with extra duties around the Girls' Residence. Well done Isabel!



Birthdays

There have been no birthdays to celebrate over the last two weeks. However, there were several birthdays over the lockdown period last term and during the school holidays. We wish all those residents who celebrated a during this time, a very happy birthday!



Girls' Residence Update

It is so good to be back and meeting the new challenges of Term 4. Last night Emma Morris presented our community awards. This week Isabel Mannes is Resident of the week which is well deserved for her positive attitude. Isabel always tries her best in both the residence and at school. Matilda Jackson and Ruby Jones won our cleanest rooms award. Both girls consistently meet our clean room criteria. Also given out were our encouragement awards to Claire Peasley, Zoe Owen, Meg Barry, Evie Wane, Nikita Clancy and Steph Bramley for going above and beyond. They have all, in their own way made our community a much more positive place.

We have still been cooking and this term pancakes seem to be a favourite, especially Caramelized Banana pancakes, which Maddie and Zoe did a brilliant job of cooking while the other girls set the table.

Even though Christmas is still a little way away Meg and Regan have been making some Christmas decorations and we hope to get into some baking of those great traditional foods that make for such a happy season. It has been an interesting year and I wonder when these girls are grandmothers themselves, what they will remember of such times. I hope there will be happy memories in amongst the resilience and life skills that they have learnt along the way. I am sure there will be stories shared with each other that we staff do not get to hear until long after they have left!

Mrs Jackie Tassell, Head of Girls' Residence

From the Residents

I began my journey at St Paul's College at the start of this year. The residence community welcomed me with open arms and I settled in quite quickly. I've made some amazing friends here and enjoyed having the liberty to explore my interests. From cooking with friends to going down to community gardens there's always something to do. One of my passions is gardening and I love having the freedom that St Paul's offers to grow my own indoor jungle. Overall, I'm very grateful to have found like-minded people to share my interest with.

Stephanie Bramley, Year 10 Resident

My favourite thing about being at St Paul's is that we get the opportunity to do Ag in Year 7. I enjoy Ag because it's like home and I enjoy being on the Show Team where we get to learn the skills to be able to show livestock. I also go to the community gardens on a Friday which is fun because I get to grow my own veggie garden. In the residence one night we had a campfire, and it was a lot of fun. Even though I enjoy school I love going home on a Friday to see my family.

Grace Routley, Year 7 Resident

2022 Enrolments for the Learning in Residence are now open.

If you or someone you know are thinking of enrolling their child in the Learning in Residence (Boarding) please contact the College for a tour or enrolment pack on (02) 6029 2200

Dear God, please help me today. Give me strength when I am weak, lend me a shoulder when I need to cry, and help me up when I fall. Amen.

Parent – Teacher Interviews: Year 7 – 10

Due to restrictions on face-to-face meetings, this term the Year 7 to 10 Parent -Teacher Interviews will be conducted via telephone. The interviews will be conducted on Monday 8 November. To try and give as many parents as possible the opportunity to have conversation with their son or daughter's teacher throughout the day the booking times available will be broken into 3 sessions; Session 1 - 11.00am – 1.00pm, Session 2 – 1.45pm – 4.00pm, and Session 3 – 4.30pm – 6.00pm.

The interview bookings will be at 10-minute intervals; however, staff have been asked to try and end the conversations in 7 minutes to allow time for parents to receive other calls and to allow themselves time to make their next call.

Parents can book their interview times via Parent Lounge now and teaching staff will call parents on their listed number at the scheduled time on Monday 8 November.

Boys' Residence Update

It has been great to have everyone back as a group for the start of Term 4. With what was a disruptive Term 3, it now begins to feel like a number of restrictions will begin to lift and we will be able to get back to some normality within the residence.

With everyone reconnecting again, it has been a productive couple of weeks with plenty of activities for all the residents to get involved in. Basketball outside in the courtyard has been popular amongst the boys and then indoor soccer after study in the Stadium. It has been positive to see all Years 7-12 jumping in and taking part in the sporting programs, keeping active whilst doing so.

Congratulations to Demons #1 fan, Nic Wheeler on taking out the 2021 AFL Tipping competition, with Riley Kenny coming in 2nd place and Thomas Sinca in 3rd position. It has always been one of the favourite competitions amongst the boys and it was awesome to see so many competitors this year.

After a disruptive Term 3 during the singles snooker competition, we have now resumed play and the games will take place over the next few weeks. Chris Kernaghan and Archie Butler look like favourites to win and get their name on the prized trophy. We have our Junior vs Senior Capture the Flag and 20/20 Cricket Match this term, which is all the talk at the moment, and the banter has already started within the two groups. Study has returned after dinner, with homework slowly dripping through the ink on their pens. Everyone has been excited about being back in the classroom and having that face-to-face learning. Congratulations to Thomas Sinca who received a Merit Award in History, Jack Butler received the "Coaches" award in AFL and Harry Vidler got an "A" for his Grade 3 piano assessment. We have celebrated a number of birthdays from the holidays, which was nice for everyone to recognise and see them all open a locker for a present. The term is going to fly by and soon we will be saying our farewells to our Year 12s as they wrap up an unusual and challenging year. I personally would like to thank all our parents for their support over the lockdown and managing their son's education online whilst attending to their work commitments. Hopefully we will now see some light at the end of the tunnel and look forward to moving on with our daily lives without any more interference.

Nik Wheeler (Head of Boys' Residence)

So far, boarding school has been quite an experience. It is like having a never-ending sleepover with your mates. It is very fun besides having to do study every night, which is not my favourite thing to do. The food is yummy, and my bed is comfortable. Our dorms are also very spacious which makes a difference. We have fun activities often and our dorm parents are great.

Ned Stewart, Year 7 Resident

When I first came here, I thought that it was going to be way different from just doing school of the air. It was difficult when I first arrived, as I did not know anyone apart from my brother Bryce who is in Year 8. He told me a bit about the residence on the way up here because it is an 8-hour trip from home, so it was a long drive. We also brought our two horses, so that we could ride them every day at the Equine Centre. On the first day, I met some kid called Ned, who is now my roommate, but he seemed like the silliest kid in the boarding house at the time. He was jumping on things and getting in trouble all the time. Soon I learned that he is a nice friend and now we are roommates. Jack and Tom are some of my other best friends. We were roommates at the start, but because of Covid, we had to change into different rooms. The supervisors are really nice and give us chocolate for clean room awards. The residence has 32 boys from Year 7 to 12 and the common areas are big for us to all play around in. We have a big grass area out the front and a yard out the back with a fire pit. There is a big stadium that we play games after study in, basketball, dodgeball and soccer are the favourites. Overall, it has been a good year and I have enjoyed staying in the residence.

Ryan Carey, Year 7 Resident

Week 2

Riley Kenny

Riley has returned to the residence with a positive mindset and is maintaining a great routine. Riley has kept a clean room and has improved his organisation. He has been energetic with activities and is always the first person to encourage others to join in. It's a credit to Riley for the way he has started Term 4 and I hope he can continue until the end of the year. Well done! Riley.



Laundry Service

The Learning in Residence offers a paid laundry service to our residents. The cost for this service is \$110 per term. Our wonderful laundry ladies will wash, dry and fold residents clothing on certain days of the week for both boys and girls.

If you would like this service for your child, or require more information, please contact Mr Kris Wheeler.



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