



The College of **St. Paul's**

Residence Read

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Dear Residence Community

We are halfway through Term 4 already as our residents return from the Exeat Weekend. It has been another busy two weeks in the Learning in Residence.

One of the highlights over the last two weeks was last Saturday night when our fulltime girls hosted our fulltime boys for dinner over in Grosse House. The girls alongside our wonderful girls' supervisor Julianne Turner did an amazing job. They made some Cob Loaf for the entrée and followed with Roast Lamb and all the vegetables for the main course which was then topped off with cheesecake for dessert. The boys and I were very impressed and most importantly it was delicious!! The boys will repay the favour next Friday night!

My best wishes go out to our Year 12s who have their first exam on tomorrow. We are all thinking of you.

It has been great to see quite a few of our girls getting up nice and early over the last couple of weeks to join Mrs Tassell and Mrs Bradford for an early morning cuppa and a chat. These mornings have now turned into Mental Health Mornings, and congratulations to Nikita Clancy and Claire Peasley who are driving this program. They are going to start organising a variety of activities for the girls to do before breakfast now that the mornings are lighter and warmer.

Mr Nik Wheeler took out the Boys' Residence Pool Championships by defeating Ned Stewart in the grand finale. Well done Ned on making it all the way to the final!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Exeat weekend!

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Girls' Residence Update

Girls' Resident of the Week

Week 4

Chloe Thomas

In recognition of Chloe's positive attitude, consistency, and the way she regularly helps to clean the kitchen and because she is such a nice member of our community. Chloe has been awarded this week's Resident of the Week. Well done Chloe!



Week 5

Claire Peasley

Claire is our Resident of the Week this week and is rewarded for her positive changes she has made in the Girls' Residence this term and her willingness to mentor the younger girls to make good choices. Congratulations Claire, great to see you shining this term, well done!



Recently I had the pleasure of watching the residents form a guard of honour to say goodbye to our leaving Year 12s. It only took a short while, but I hope the memories of this will last a lifetime. In a time where passages of life have been missed during lockdowns it was fabulous to make a new tradition as party poppers, bubbles and whistles wished them well as they left the Dining Room for the last time, ready to embark on a new season. We sadly said see you later knowing that they are ready for this new chapter even if they don't feel like it and thank them all for their contribution to our residence. As they leave, we have been blessed to see our new Year 12's step into their new leadership roles and we look forward to seeing what they achieve in the coming year.

Mrs Jackie Tassell, Head of Girls' Residence

The junior girls in Jericho have been busy sewing and making Christmas decorations. They were looking forward to Exeat and seeing their families, especially our full-time residents. It's hard to believe how much they have all grown this year with some of them taller than all of us supervisors now.

Recently evenings spent in Jericho office have seen the girls share laughter, giggles, and storytelling. It will not be long when we will be welcoming our new Year 7s and the girls from this year will help them to settle in as they start their journey.

Mrs Vicki Bradford, Junior Girls Supervisor

From the Residents

I began here at St. Paul's College as a full-time boarder at the beginning of the year. It was quite the leap after living in a small-town community in the mountains. I was immediately welcomed with open arms by some of the most amazing people I've met. Just last week my birthday was celebrated with surprise balloons, confetti, cake and presents. During my time here, I have been given the opportunity to explore new skills and enhance old ones. I have my horse here at the equine facility and we have been looked after with expert care and advice since the day I arrived. I am very grateful for the chance to live and learn at St. Paul's College as part of a community filled with fun and friendships.

Emma Lavery, Year 10 Resident

Mental Health Mornings

We have started a group in the Girls' Residence that is embracing the idea of social, physical and mental wellbeing. By getting up early each morning and participating in some physical fitness and social activities we are hoping to encourage the girls to interact in a positive and healthy manner. Not only will we be encouraging everyone to join in the fitness activities, but we are also hoping that everyone will get involved in lively and invigorating conversation. Some mornings will be focusing on physical fitness, whereas other mornings will be about starting positive conversations and participating in entertaining activities. A few of our ideas include: walk/run around the triangle, Yoga/Pilates, gym sessions, exploring, cooking and creating healthy recipes, wellbeing enhancing conversations, wellbeing journals (As seen in the Resilience Project), Fitness challenges and games, and any ideas that come to your mind!

We really hope that consistently performing these healthy behaviours may be the key to not only a calmer start to the morning, but to improved mental health throughout your day! Each activity will vary depending on the individual's preferences and ideas. We are open to exploring all new ideas that lead to mental health friendly mornings! We encourage everyone to think about elements we could incorporate into our morning to enhance our wellbeing. Our goal is to create a fun and friendly environment that everyone is welcome and encouraged to join. We would love to see the girls get around this idea as we know that it's going to be a great experience and a lot of fun! It is completely optional, and everyone is welcome to come as often as you would like. We are going to be running this every morning and we hope to add some excitement to everyone's day. We hope to see you there!

Nikita Clancy & Claire Peasley, Year 12 Residents

Boys' Residence Update

It's been an emotional couple of weeks with the Year 12s making the most of their remaining time here. As a community, we were lucky enough to celebrate their last night with our annual Capture the Flag tournament.

A special farewell BBQ and a quick speech acknowledging the arrival of each Year 12 resident and their experience of adapting to the residence community throughout their time. A small gift presentation and one last cheer for all that they had contributed, we then headed out to the quad and talked tactics for Capture the Flag. With most of the school in darkness and boys dressed in black, the zones lit up in brightness with the highlighted glowing sticks and the many obstacles in the way, the game was ready to take place with each team huddled in their own bases. The juniors were quick to get off the mark, with Chris Kernaghan turning into ninja mode and being the first player to get the flag to the goal zone. It was not long before the seniors generated a plan, and with quick feet from Declan Clancy, Bryce Kenny, Max Fahey and Edward Davis, the seniors found themselves 5-1 up after 1 hour of play. If it wasn't for Tom Sinca on the junior team (who was voted best player) the score would've been a lot higher for the winning team. It was a quality night full of fun, and respect for each team. Congratulations to the senior team, winning the trophy for the third year in a row.

The boys have continued to be more active than ever this year, with the majority attending the stadium games each Monday-Thursday night after study. Dodgeball and basketball have been the pick of the sports over the last two weeks, which has also seen a number of girls come over and join in the fun. Our snooker competition is coming to an end, with only five more players in the hunt to win the prestigious trophy. Michael Smith and Bryce Carey are looking strong favourites, with Tom Sinca unfortunately losing to his doubles partner Nic Wheeler, which was an intense game for all to play and watch. Ryan Carey and AJ Roche have been competing in local motocross events over the past few weeks, with Ryan ending up in 2nd place in his tournament, and AJ working on his endurance and speed with only being overtaken by one rider.

Not only have we been busy with activities and being active, but afternoon study sessions have increased immensely, and the boys now have plenty of assignments lined up ready to be completed and handed in. Full credit to everyone who has applied themselves to their studies and made use of the time and support they have to complete homework tasks. This weekend gave an opportunity for all the boys to have a long weekend, see family and enjoy each other's company. Now it's full steam ahead and before you know it, we will all be saying goodbye and a safe Christmas and New Year. I'm so delighted to see everyone enjoy being back at school and in the residence. The atmosphere around the place has been buzzing and the culture of the community has never been so strong.

Nik Wheeler (Head of Boys' Residence)



Week 4

Jamie Martin-Heath

Jamie was awarded Resident of the Week for his involvement with all the other residents during activities for the last three weeks. He was a good sport during Capture the Flag, and had fun participating one last time with his good friends in Year 12. We are excited to see Jamie's leadership this term and continue into next year. Congratulations Jamie and continue the great work that you do.



Week 5

Archie Swan

Archie is a valuable member of the community within the residence and is always extremely happy to be part of the experience that we have to offer at St Paul's.

He is a great friend to everyone and has a cheeky side to his personality that makes others smile and laugh. Archie is working hard to achieve certain academic goals and is positive about being able to learn new skills. He is well-mannered, a good sport, full of energy and very loyal towards his peers. We are all grateful that Archie is part of our community and I hope he continues to show his great values.



From the Residents

At the start of the year, the first thing I remember was my first day entering the dorm and having the best time meeting Ryan and Thomas. It was a lot easier to settle with already knowing Jack and Ned, which ended up with Nic placing me in the same room as Ned. Getting to know Nic and Alistair was easy, even though Alistair wakes me up every morning when I am tired, he is still a great guy. Nic takes us fishing, boxing and into Lavington for shopping. He is always down for after study activities in the hall and then tennis on some occasions. By halfway through Term 1, I was feeling comfortable in the dorm and had become familiar with every one's names. Going fishing on a Monday and boxing on a Wednesday was a regular thing for me. In Term 2 it got too dark to go fishing, so boxing was what I did when we started going to Adrenalin and I participated in the boxing/condition class. I like playing cricket outside and kicking the footy most afternoons when it is not busy, and we have some free time. Now that COVID has picked up again I have been playing basketball every afternoon and kicking the footy when we can. We started playing soccer again in the hall which is always heaps of fun and keeps us active before bed. I cannot wait until Year 8 and everything is back to normal. I love being a boarder at St Paul's and I have made some great friendships.

Carter Britton, Year 7 Resident

Boarding Leaders Update

I've been a resident at St Paul's College since Year 7. From the day I started, I have looked up to each of the resident captains. Their positive attitude, caring hearts and determination to make the residence a happy and positive space has been amazing to watch over the years. It's crazy I'm finally in Year 12 and I have been elected resident captain for 2022. I want to follow in the previous captains' footsteps and continue to make our residence feel like a home away from home.

Over the past few weeks, I have encouraged the girls to interact in games and get out and about.

There are many more exciting activities that myself and the Year 12 cohort are working on behind the scenes to have the residence a more enjoyable place for each resident.

I look forward to getting to know each of the girls' personalities and I'm excited to meet our 2022 Year 7s in the new year.

Emma Morris

Girls' Residence Leader

My name is Michael Daghagheleh and I have had the privilege of being elected by my fellow residents as St Paul's Boys' Boarding Captain for 2022. I come from Merrylands in Sydney and have been a resident here for two years. I've recently been joined by my twin brother Moey, who is not as good looking as me. I believe the residence should be a family environment, where everyone can be themselves and enjoy their time here. As we move back into normal times, I want 2022 to be a memorable year for all the boys.

Michael Daghagheleh

Boys' Residence Leader

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.



2022 Enrolments

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

Birthdays

There have been lots of birthdays to celebrate over the last two weeks. Amy Wilson, Jordyn Toomey, Stephanie Bramley, Jack Butler and Emma Lavery all celebrated their birthdays. We wish all those residents who celebrated a birthday during this time, a very happy birthday!



What's Been Happening...



Girls host the boys for dinner



Junior girls having fun together



Meg had the cleanest room of the week!

What's Been Happening...



Hayley, Jordyn and Grace relax in the courtyard



Emma, Makayla & Amy with the new Year 12 jumpers



Year 12 Farewell

