



ST PAUL'S COLLEGE

BOARDERS' BUZZ

Dear Boarding Community

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It's been another fantastic two weeks in the Boarding House. With so much going on, it's hard to keep up with everything!

Our netballers had their first official match of the season last Monday night after two weeks of grading games. Unfortunately, they went down to Scots in what was a close match. Liv Mitchell was named Player of the Match with 3 goals to her name at Goal Shooter.

I've been really impressed with our two Boarding Captains, Emma Morris and Michael Daghighaleh and the leadership they are displaying in and around the Boarding House, especially at our Community Dinners every Wednesday night. They are setting a great example for our junior boarders to follow.

It was another busy weekend for our full-time boarders last weekend, the highlight being the AFL pre-season match on Friday night between the Sydney Swans and the GWS Giants and also the Riverside Vibes festival in Albury last Sunday, which was enjoyed by all that attended!

Our Senior Study Program is well underway and we are starting to see some positive learning outcomes from our seniors, especially those who are seeking the help of Jack Nicholas our Senior Study Coordinator. Quite a few seniors are now staying in the Learning Hub right through to 9.30pm each night as they focus on their studies, which is great to see!

We welcomed back Emma Wellington last Thursday night. Emma is a casual supervisor who has been on maternity leave for the past 12 months and it is great to have her back on board. I know there were lots of excited girls looking forward to catching up with Emma!

There was a recent case study by komodowellbeing.com on our Boarding Program which you might be interested in reading. [Click here](#) to access the online article.

With the Exeat this weekend, I hope everyone enjoys their long weekend with family and loved ones. A reminder the Boarding House will be closed from 4pm on Friday and won't open again until 2.30pm on Monday afternoon. Buses will operate on Friday afternoon and Tuesday morning. **I highly recommend that all boarders do a RAT test before they return on Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning. If you do have any COVID-19 like symptoms, even if you have received a negative RAT, you are expected to remain home until you have fully recovered.**

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

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Girls' Boarding Update

Once again, we have had a very busy fortnight. We have had some challenges, but with resilience we have met them together and I am amazed at how our wonderful young people have shown such resilience, grace and good humour.

As supervisors we are very fortunate to be able to watch webinars on all sorts of subjects to do with boarding. Recently we have watched *One Trusted Adult* which talked about how one trusted adult showing interest, being someone's cheer squad and making time a priority can make a significant impact in a young person's life. Two key questions have got me thinking. Who was that significant person in your life that made a difference? For me it was a neighbour Mrs Watson who kept Sunday afternoons free for a cuppa and a chat, such a simple thing to do but 48 plus year later I still remember and indeed model that concept to put the world to rights over a cuppa and a chat. The other Question is Why? For us it is *why boarding?* And for me it is the opportunity to be part of a young person's life and to watch them become the people they are meant to be often over a cuppa and a chat. This week I have asked this question to three of our Grosse House boarders to see what their answer is. You will find the answers below.

Mrs Jackie Tassell **Head of Girls' Boarding**

Hi, my name is Ruby I am in year 10 this year and started here when I was in Year 8. When I first started I had a bad attitude towards life and was unmotivated entirely. My journey here has been a bit rough but without the help of the amazing dorm parents, my friends, and family I wouldn't be the person I am today. I have grown so much as a person since being here now 2 years. I cherish life, I'm motivated in everything I do, and I enjoy dorm life. This term I have been coaching the girls boarding netball team. Seeing the girls thrive and improve every day is so rewarding not only to me but to them as well. The environment we've created is fun, full of laughs and just overall enjoyable. Yes, we have our arguments every now and then about who plays this and that but at the end of the day we all celebrate each other. Boarding is like getting to see your best friends whenever you like.

Ruby Jones **Year 10**

I board because it's an interesting experience.

Alex Aliento **Year 10**

I choose boarding because it's an opportunity to experience and achieve things that you might not get at other schools.

Teagan Taylor **Year 10**

After-school boxing has by far been one of the most exhilarating activities to choose from. It allows individuals or groups of friends to join and exercise in a fun and engaging way that allows them to make new friendships, new strengths and a healthier mind set. It can be tiring when you start working out but fighting on through the entire process will show fast results in your general wellbeing. A big thank you to Nick, thank you for taking us to Albury because without you we would not have been able to have this fun.

Claudia Lennane **Year 9**

Every Tuesday afternoon we get the opportunity to spend our time down at community gardens. Our amazing teacher Cheryl is very passionate about her garden and is very keen about teaching us about gardening. We have a great time eating hot chips and picking beautiful flowers to decorate our rooms. It's a great opportunity to make great friends and spend time outdoors. I like to take the things we learn home and teach our families about the tips and tricks about gardening.

Zoe Owen & Evie Wane **Year 8**

Boys' Boarding Update

I can't believe we are nearly halfway through the term and Exeat Weekend is just around the corner. Again, another busy couple of weeks in Nitschke House with a jam-packed schedule for all to enjoy. The Fishing activity is still going strong, with plenty of boarders taking the opportunity to either continue educating themselves in the sport or learning the basics and starting a new hobby. Our Table Tennis "doubles" Competition has just kicked off and well underway. Sam O'Leary and Archie Swan won their match against Carter Britton and Cameron Donald (21-14). We also had Riley Kenny and Gus Barry defeating Nic Ginnivan and Lachlan Rose in a nervous match that could've gone either way. The final score was 21-13. Boxing activity in Albury at Adrenaline is always a big hit on a Monday night. It was great to see Jamie, Liam, Declan, Tom and Cameron joining in for their first time for a while. The brothers Carter and Max Britton have been smashing out the boxing exercise and have developed on their skills and techniques. Congratulations to Cameron Donald who won the Adrenaline challenge T-shirt on the night.

Our study sessions are well underway with our boarders making an effort to create a learning space for all and getting into a positive routine to manage their academic studies. They all have an environment where they can receive help and use the required time to complete their homework. Supervisors, Jack Nicholas and Alistair Waite are full of knowledge and information, which is always great resources for our boarders when needing that extra help.

We are lucky enough to have new pinboards on the walls of each bay in Nitschke House. This allows the boarders to put up photos, posters, timetables, study notes etc. and add their identity to the space in the room. A special thank you to our Maintenance Team who were able to source the pinboards and put them up in each room.

We have our Junior vs Senior Laser Tag Competition coming up on the 10th of March at Laser Zone in Albury. It's one of the big-ticket items of the term and the juniors will be looking at grabbing their first ever win in the competition. They have plenty of numbers to get the job done, but will the experience of the senior boys be an advantage and see them take the trophy home for 5 in a row? Stay tuned to our socials and you'll find out the winner and all the drama that happens on the night.

Our first community themed "dress up" will take place on the 9th of March. It's been a long wait of two years since we were able to have the last themed night, so everyone is excited to either dress up as a sports person, singer/band, Disney character or movie actor/actress.

The pistol shooting activity is still in the pipelines, with a bit of paperwork and final preparations underway before we can have everything ticked off before attending the program. Please stay tuned for updates and information, and if you would like to know more, please give me a call.

Again, I talk about this almost every week, but I'm so thankful to be able to come to work every day and see everyone so positive and kind to each other. It's always been a personal goal of mine, to make a space where everyone feels safe, welcomed, can speak out, be kind, friendly and develop respect towards everyone within the community. This doesn't just happen by one individual steering the ship, but the involvement of Parents, Supervisors, Wellbeing Team, Nurse, Principal, Executive Team, Cleaners and Maintenance, play a huge role within making sure our boarders get the best opportunities and experience when attending St Paul's.

Mr Nic Wheeler
Head of Boys' Boarding



Junior Boys Pastoral Care Program

Each Wednesday evening this term the junior boys have gathered together to focus on their wellbeing, while having plenty of fun in the process. Through activities, games, discussions and utilising online resources, the boys are exploring teamwork, positive relationships, healthy living, good mental health and life skills. It has been pleasing to see a positive response and active participation from the boys. Last Wednesday's session together was based around sleep and how to achieve healthy sleep habits. The junior boys are also joining the junior girls for activities every fortnight to help foster a strong rapport between the two groups.

Alistair Waite

Nitschke House Supervisor

Jack is Back

My name is Jack for those who do not know me already, and I'm happy to be back as a team member in the Boys boarding, the broader boarding and St Paul's community. It has been a couple of years since I last worked in boarding at St Paul's and it has been a warm welcome from some familiar faces, but also those who were unfamiliar.

I currently have 6 months remaining of my Bachelor of Science degree through CSU in Wagga Wagga, where I will have completed both Mathematics and Conservation Biology majors. I am also undertaking an honours research year within freshwater ecology commencing in July 2022 where I will be exploring some relationships between the animal kingdom and their freshwater aquatic environments, and possibly even explore any mathematical modelling in this research as well. Many details are yet to be fleshed out but when I know more, I will be excited to share what I am up to as I begin a new and exciting stage of my own academic journey.

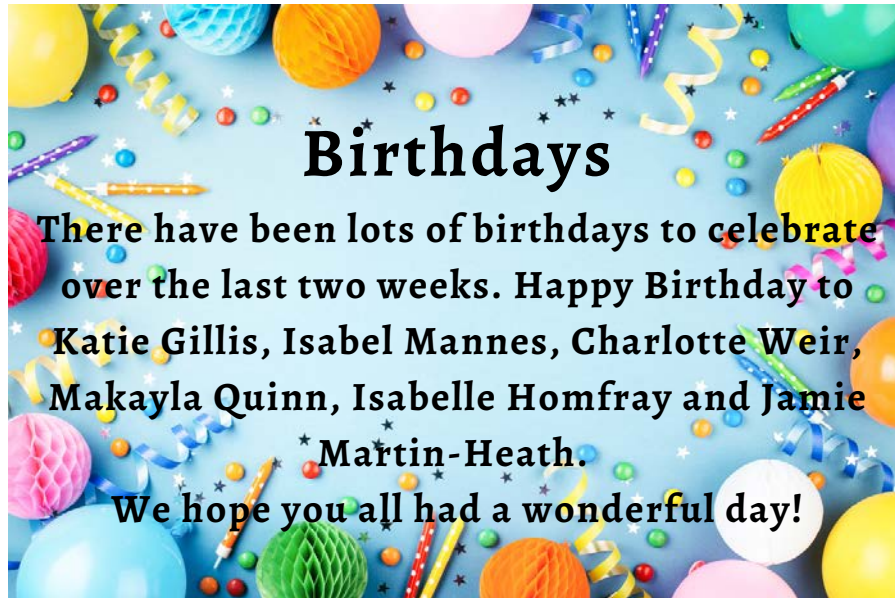
I have a passion to help people through teaching, particularly with areas of which I have studied myself. Through my time at high school, an electrical trade, and now university, I have learnt the importance of education. Be it academic or hands on skills-based learning, it all counts. I believe that the best way to navigate what the world has to offer beyond the community at a school is to prepare and build a solid foundation of understanding, knowledge, and skills so that the individual can then apply their knowledge or utilise their skill set to achieve great heights in whichever pathway they choose.

I have been in discussions with my peers, both colleagues and students, about how we can make use of the time (both effectively and efficiently) that the College provides for its study programme in boarding, particularly for our senior cohort as they gradually draw closer to the conclusion of their secondary schooling. I aim to assist your children to set that platform so that they are best prepared for their journey ahead in whichever pathway they choose, and we do have some great facilities at our disposal to create a positive environment where such progress can be achieved with the support required.

I am excited to see what can be achieved working with such a fantastic group of individuals, and what they can additionally teach me as we move forward working together.

Jack Nicholas

Senior Study Coordinator



The Boarding House will close from 4pm on Friday, March 4th and open from 2:30pm on Monday, March 7th due to the Exeat Weekend. Buses will operate as per usual on the Friday afternoon and Tuesday morning.



What's On?

Thurs 3/3 - BISSA Swimming

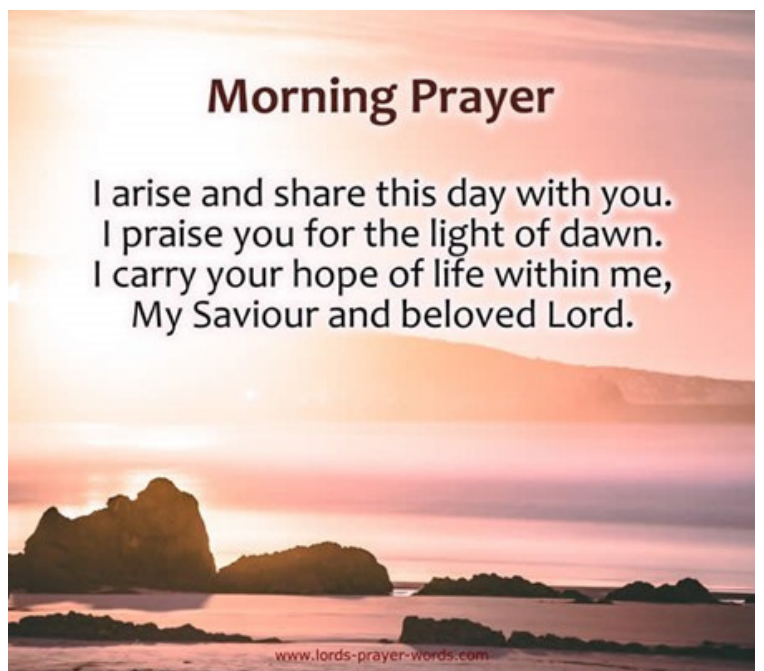
Sat 5/3-Mon 7/3 - Exeat Weekend

Tues 8/3 & Thurs 10/3 - Years 7-10 P/T Interviews 4pm-7:30pm

Fri 11/3 - Athletics Carnival
Albury ADF Careers Expo

Morning Prayer

I arise and share this day with you.
I praise you for the light of dawn.
I carry your hope of life within me,
My Saviour and beloved Lord.



Girls' Boarder of the Week

Week 3 - Avalon Rossato

Ava has taken out the Boarder of the week for Jericho and Grosse House this week for her excellent attitude! She has settled into the routine and structure of boarding well and is well respected by her peers and staff. Ava always has a smile on her face and gives 100 percent in everything she does. Great start Ava, keep up the good work!

Week 4 - Amy Wilson

Amy has been awarded Boarder of the Week this week for her courage to speak up even when it is hard to do so. Her excellent attitude while living in community and her perseverance to do well in her studies. Congratulations Amy and well deserved!

Boys' Boarder of the Week

Week 3 - Lachlan Routley

It's been great to see Lachlan's change in mindset and attitude, and his wanting to excel in all areas of boarding this term. He has a real interest at making the most of his opportunities at St Paul's and has started on a positive, which he should be very proud of. Lachlan is a farmer at heart and the hard work he's put in is paying off. Congratulations Lachlan!

Week 4 - Liam Davis

It's been fantastic to see Liam grow and develop throughout the years since being in the Boarding House, but over the last week Liam has been more social, engaged in his study and adaptive to change whilst having an understanding of outcomes within the community. It's been positive to see Liam take the opportunity to get to know the new boarders, but also hold relationships with his peers from previous years. Liam is one of the old heads around our community now, and it's so valuable to have you be around the common spaces engaging with others. Well done Liam Davis!

Equine News

Year 9 Equine Student Matilda Jackson's hard work, and dedicated training and care of her horse 'Chase' certainly paid off in a very successful show at Gundagai, congratulations Matilda!



2023 Enrolments for the Boarding House are now open. If you or someone you know are thinking of enrolling their child into the Boarding House, please contact the College for a tour or enrolment pack on (02) 6029 2200



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At St Paul's, we believe in the unique skills and gifts of each child. Our unique setting allows us to offer a holistic educational experience including equine, agriculture, day and boarding.

Our balanced approach prioritises academic pursuits while also preparing our students for a life beyond the classroom.



*Come and meet with our Principal,
Ms Anita Morton and staff
to see for yourself what makes
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**Round 1 enrolments for 2023
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*Abbey Whiter
with her
catch!*



Cameron Donald



It's BBQ time



Boys' table tennis comp



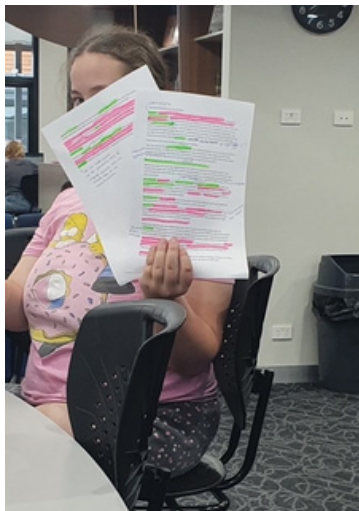
Dinner



Study



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Hayley Butt



Henry Brewer



Nikki Bastin-Dow



Kaden Lavery



Nikita Clancy



Ryan Carey

