



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

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

From the Principal



Reflection: Take Time

- Take time to work - it is the price of success.
- Take time to think - it is the source of power.
- Take time to play - it is the secret of perpetual youth.
- Take time to read - it is the fountain of wisdom.
- Take time to be friendly - it is a road to happiness.
- Take time to dream - it is hitching your wagon to a star.
- Take time to love and be loved - it is the privilege of redeemed people.
- Take time to look around - it is too short a day to be selfish.
- Take time to laugh - it is the music of the soul.
- Take time for God - it is life's only lasting investment. *Anon*

Great start to Term 4

As we commence another term, I am very grateful for the maturity and cooperation of our students particularly in relation to the wearing of masks, and the absence of mobile phones. Thank you to all students. Your support just makes life a little bit easier for all and ensures that we remain a safe environment for learning and teaching.

Staffing 2022

We welcome Laura Chettleburgh (Head of English) and Laura Thompson (Science Teacher) to our staff in 2022.

I also wish to inform you that Paige Kranz has accepted a new appointment to an independent school in Melbourne therefore we are currently looking for a new Mathematics Teacher for 2022. We thank Paige for her wonderful service to St Paul's and wish her well.

Our Finance Team

I would like to acknowledge three staff who form our Finance Team – David Walsh (Manager, Business Services); Lauri Scholz (Manager Payroll); and Cathy Moore (Manager, Accounts). These staff are a great asset to St Paul's and their service is both friendly and efficient. Essentially, they work behind the scenes to ensure our business systems and processes work to support the College. Sincere thanks to David, Lauri and Cathy.

Blessings for the week

Donald M Walkley

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What's On?

- Thurs 14/10 School Photo Day
- Wed 27/10 Year 12 Valedictory Service

Being COVID Safe

A reminder..
Social distancing
Masks
Hand Hygiene

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.

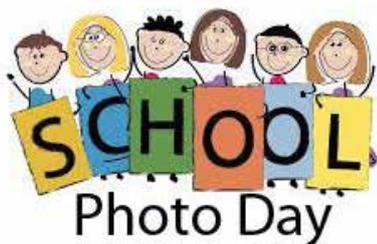
Parents can book their interview times via Parent Lounge from Monday 18 October and teaching staff will call parents on their listed number at the scheduled time on Monday 8 November.

Year 11 Final Reports

The end of Term 3 signalled the conclusion of the Preliminary course for our Year 11 students. Thus, from the start of this term, students have been working on the HSC course for their chosen subjects.

The Final Year 11 Report will be available for parents to view/download from Parent Lounge on Monday 18 October, 9am.

Mr Peter O'Neill
Deputy Principal



TOMORROW 14th October

We strongly encourage you to **ORDER ONLINE** and use the **SHOOT KEY** to **order**. There is a variety of photograph options and products available online, in addition to the packages listed on the envelope - please check the photographer's website for options.

STUDENTS MUST HAND IN THEIR ENVELOPE TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER TOMORROW.

Students are to wear full summer uniform – this includes the correct socks.

If you have misplaced your envelope, please contact the College office ASAP to receive your Shoot Key number, so you can place your order.

Joanne Knobel
Events Coordinator



P&F Raffle

You are now able to buy raffle tickets and books from the comfort of home, without picking up a book and filling it out.

You can direct deposit into the P and F account and we will fill the book out for you.

The date for drawing the raffle is yet to be determined, but for now, please consider supporting your school community through the P and F major fundraiser.

There are great prizes up for grabs:
1st - SPC School Fee credit to the value of \$2000
2nd - Travel Voucher to the value of \$1000
3rd - Miss Amelie Gift Voucher to the value of \$200

\$40 per book!

Banking Details

SPC P & F ASSOCIATION

BSB: 640 000

ACC: 111005432

REFERENCE: Initial/Surname/Raffle

Students are still able to collect books on your behalf.

The Stinging Tree

During my time of long service leave last term, miraculously, we managed to get all the way up to Far North Queensland before the NSW-Qld border was closed due to COVID outbreaks. While up there we did some walking through sections of the wet tropics and learned many interesting facts about the area. Normally, when people visit tropical rainforests, they are on the guarded lookout for all sorts of creepy crawlies, but what is less known is that some of the trees will get you.

One of North Queensland's most notorious and very common plants is the 'Wait-a-while'. It is a climbing palm with spikes in the fronds and stems. It also shoots out tendrils that have hooks on them. That is part of their method of climbing to the highest points in the tree canopies to get the best light. The tendrils also creep along the forest floor.

Initially they may look harmless, but it's only when you get tangled in them and try to walk away that you realise how it got its name. You certainly would be waiting a while in order to carefully get yourself out or to be rescued.

Another fascinating plant is the Stinging tree. This one often has warning signs placed nearby if it is growing in an area people visit regularly. If your skin comes into contact with the leaves, fine silica-tipped hairs inject venom like mini-syringes. It causes long lasting extreme pain. According to victims, the sting feels like fire at first, then subsides over hours to a pain reminiscent of having the affected body part caught in a slammed car door. The pain can last for weeks and months.

The stinging tree looks harmless and that a little touch of the soft looking hairs won't cause any trouble, but don't be fooled. The power and influence of that harmless looking plant is much like sin. It is easy to think that some of the little indiscretions we do are harmless and will not have any effect – in fact they will probably go unnoticed. Just this once and no one will get hurt. That is sin's deceiving power.

Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:56-57 that sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. This leaves somewhat of a bind for us because sin is the destroying invader into our lives and relationship with God and each other. Then we hear that even the slightest sin will result in death.

Paul is adamant however in stating that through God's love he has provided the way to avoid this death. He says in 1 Corinthians 15:57 but thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. To drive this good news further Romans 6:23 says, For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. That is Good News!

Pastor John



The Blue Tree Project

You may have noticed when driving into Walla Walla from Morgan's Lookout/Culcairn direction or if you are walking along the newly constructed Swamp Path that there is now a Blue Tree...

The project is an initiative supported by some of our Year 10 PDHPE students who assisted in applying to Mr Walkley for approval, and also securing donations from Bunnings for the paint and paint utensils as well as painting both the undercoat and the blue coat. It forms part of the bigger National Blue Tree Project.

The idea of the project, is to stimulate curiosity with the blue tree - and when people find out what it represents, to provide an opportunity for conversation - helping to break down the stigma around discussing mental health and accessing help. The theme of 'it's ok, to not be ok' is supported through a range of initiatives and we hope that our blue tree will provide our community with encouragement and opportunity for discussion.

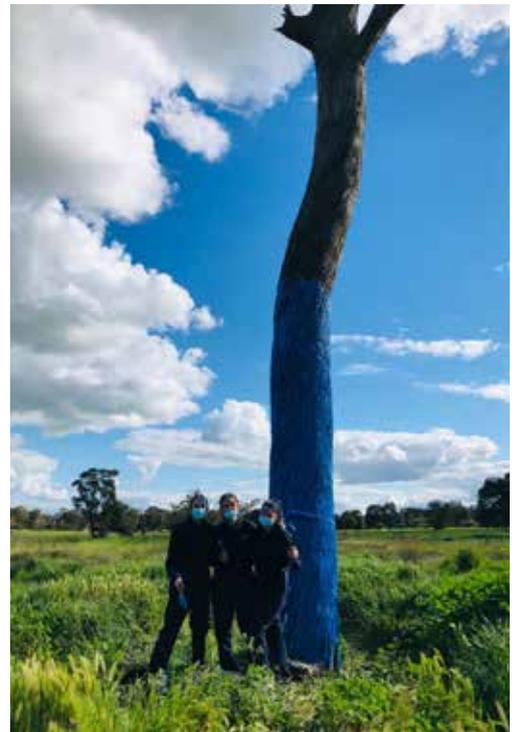
For more information, please go to: <https://www.bluetreeproject.com.au/> There is also a QR code on the fence near the tree, which links to this website.

It was wonderful to be able to complete the undercoat (thanks to Tilly Phegan, Stephanie Bramley, Noah Wilson and Isabell McRae (Yr 10)) and then the first blue coat (Jess Phegan, Nikita Clancy and Simone Farrah (Yr 11)), before school finished for Term 3, and be able to start to spread the message of 'it is ok, not to be ok' and to encourage everyone to check in with their friends and family with our big blue tree to spark conversations.

A big thank you to Bunnings, Albury - who generously supplied us with the paint, rollers, brushes and paint trays, and to our Maintenance staff who assisted with various aspects of the project. Their support is appreciated and valued.

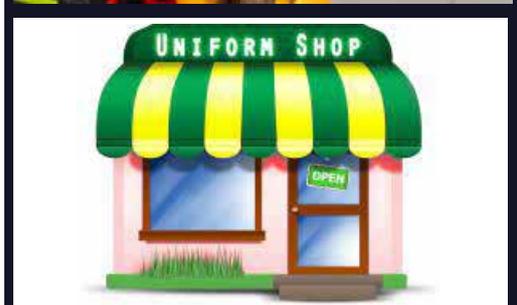
Please keep the conversation going!

Keep an eye out for more Mental Fitness and Wellbeing activities initiatives throughout Term 4, led by some of our Year 10 PDHPE students.



Care Group - 7C

Year 7C had a fun final Care Group for Term 3.



The Uniform Shop is open Tuesday 10:30am to 2:00pm and Friday 12:30pm to 4:00pm.

Please be aware that due to COVID restrictions Parent/Carers and students are not permitted to enter the uniform shop. Please go to the door of the uniform shop and wait for customer service.

Orders may be emailed through with payment or you can phone during shop hours.

A reminder hats are compulsory this term - students must wear a hat which is part of the College uniform: College formal straw hat, College Akubra or College bucket hat).

Students must not wear caps of any kind.

Felicity Klemke
Uniform Shop Manager
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Australian History Competition

Congratulations to the students from Year 7 who participated in the Australian History Competition earlier in the year. Areas of focus for the Competition were:

- Extracting and interpreting information and drawing conclusions from maps
- Observing, interpreting and extracting information from sources
- Understanding the purpose, values and legacy of sources
- Understanding differing perspectives
- Chronology and extracting information from timelines

The following students are our Year 7 Award recipients:

Merit Awards:

- Ella Donoghue
- Thomas Sinca
- Caitlin Klemke
- Gaetano Vecera
- Kiera Holmes

Credit Awards:

- Regan Nugent
- Vinnie Cheng



2022 Term and Exeat Dates

Term 1

Tuesday 1st February to Friday 8th April

Exeat Monday 7th March

Term 2

Wednesday 27th April to Friday 24th June

Exeat Monday 30th May

Term 3

Monday 18th July to Friday 23rd September

Exeat Monday 15th August

Term 4

Tuesday 11th October to Friday 9th December

Exeat Monday 7th November

Condolences to the Godde Family

St Paul's community would like to extend condolences to Paul Godde and son Nicholas (Class of 2012) from Culcairn, on the passing of their wife and mother Catherine Godde. Catherine was part of our St Paul's family and will be missed dearly by her family and friends.



Poppies from the Community Garden

Alpaca Shearing

On Monday our friendly alpacas received a new hair do! Students were able to watch and ask questions about how alpacas are shorn and what their fleece is used for. Alpaca fleece does not contain lanolin so the hand piece gets very dry and need to be oiled multiple times during shearing.

A big thanks to Joe Hofer for shearing our alpacas.



Pasture Demonstration Site

Alex Tier from Nutrien Ag Solutions and Liz Munn from S & W Seeds conducted a presentation to local farmers and agronomists about our St Paul's College Pasture Demonstration. We were fortunate to have students in attendance to listen and join in with the discussion about the different types of pastures availability and performance.

The trial site will include new pasture varieties each year and we look forward to having more field days in the future. The next field day will be in 2022, and a notification will be in the College Bulletin with a date and time. Everyone is welcome once COVID restrictions ease.

Mrs Courtney Hutchings
Lead Ag Teacher





YOU COULD PLAY FOR FREE!

CLUB CRICKET REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN:

- Local Cricket Clubs are currently taking registrations for the upcoming cricket season.
- There is something suitable for boys and girls aged 5 and up.
- Cricket is a great way to be active and make new friends

Head to <https://play.cricket.com.au/> to find your local club.



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Transition Program for Kindergarten 2022

Students will join the K/1 class for activities, games, craft and stories designed to help our new little students gain confidence and become familiar in their new environment. We are a family focused school and all students build strong friendships across the grades.

Kinder Transition Days will be held on the following Fridays:

Term 4 from 9:15am to 3:25pm

October 29th

November 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

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St Paul's is a dynamic, innovative and future-focused school where students are supported by highly dedicated staff within a positive and safe learning environment. We provide a very contemporary learning environment where our aim is not just to teach, but to encourage every student to learn.