



FROM THE HEADMASTER



END OF AN ERA

The Class of 2017 finish on Friday 17 November. For all those students, this day marks the end of 13 years of school; for some, the end of 13 years at St Paul's School. There will be a huge mix of emotions, not just for the students but also their parents: joy, sadness, relief, fear. Where did that time go? How is it that that little person is now grown up and about to enter the world?

The role of a parent, at least in our Australian culture, is to prepare a resilient, independent person who is able to enter the world and make it on their own. Along the way, we hope we have provided them with opportunities to enable them to

create their own story, their own path. We hope that we have equipped them with the courage and strength of character to forge their path.

The aim of St Paul's School is to partner with parents to do just that, to prepare resilient global citizens with the capacity to create their own destiny and make a positive impact on the communities in which they will live and work. The Year 12 result (OP) is a very small part of an education worth having, it is who the person becomes that will be the measure of our success.

It is a privilege to work with families to support the growth of your children. The current Year 12 cohort is a testimony of this partnership. The students who leave us today are fine young men and women and I am confident they will make their way in the world.

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My prayer for them as they leave is that the mystery of the God who created them, and who has prepared a purpose for their lives, will remain alive in their hearts and minds. He is a God of love, who desires all people to be in relationship with Him and each other.

May God bless each of the Year 12 students as they go from this place. May they take their light out into the all the world. May they live lives of purpose and fulfilment. May you know the love that God has for you.

**DR PAUL BROWNING
HEADMASTER**



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FAITH & COMMUNITY



TO THE CLASS OF 2017

The below article is the text from the address Mr Grant delivered to the class of 2017 at their final assembly.

I'm sure you are experiencing a real mix of emotions right now. Lots of excitement, certainly. Maybe happiness also. But, perhaps, some negative emotions also – sadness, uncertainty and even a bit of fear.

Your last day of school can feel like the end – not only of your school life, but also of much that is familiar and good in your lives, associated with coming to school each day here at St Paul's.

You have had your last lesson and sat your last exam (for now, at least); today is your last day in school uniform; today is your last day of being subjected to school rules. You might see all of these as good things. However, today may also signal the end of some friendships, and the end of opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities with those friends. Today is the end of many familiar routines, and the beginning of an uncertain future. It is only natural to have mixed emotions.

I've only just begun to get to know you, but I would still like to share some final words of advice as you go out into the world. I want to remind you of the core values of the School – Faith, Learning and Community – and encourage you to take these values with you as you go.

Value 1: Faith – We have just prayed together – “Grant that all may seek and love the truth, grow in wisdom and knowledge, and in humility of heart ever look to You, the source of all wisdom and knowledge”.

How many times have you recited those words over the years? Dozens, perhaps hundreds of times? I trust that today and in coming days (especially, perhaps, when things aren't going fabulously well) you will remember those words and continue to always look to God – the source of all wisdom and knowledge.

In the book of Ecclesiastes in the Bible, the wise teacher says - *Remember your Creator in the days of your youth...*

And in Psalm 71 we read – ³ *Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go; give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress....*

⁵ *For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth...*

¹⁷ *Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvellous deeds.*

Value 2: Learning – Whether you have plans to continue with your studies at TAFE or university, or are going straight into the workforce, realise that the most rewarding life is one in which you are continually learning. M. Scott Peck, the American psychiatrist and author wrote in his old age - *“All my life I used to wonder what I would become when I grew up. Then, about seven years ago, I realized that I was never going to grow up - that growing is an ever ongoing process.”*

Can I tell you, at the age of 57, I have come to agree with that? I'm still learning, and so I am still growing. I can't tell you how much I have learnt in just the last six months; about myself, about people generally, about God, and about what really matters.

And can I tell you that learning doesn't necessarily need to be formal (although formal learning sometimes provides the structure and discipline we need, as well as a recognised qualification). So how else can we learn? By travelling. By reading good books. By having conversations with interesting people. By keeping up with current affairs. By subscribing to good blogs. By observing people who are smarter than you. There are endless ways to learn; you just need to have an open mind and a teachable spirit.

Value 3: Community – Please note, Year 12s, that just because today is your last day as a student at St Paul's School, it does not mean that you are leaving the St Paul's community. The community is much more than just the student body: it includes staff, parents, extended family and past students. And, of course, as soon as you leave the school grounds today, you will be the newest members of the St Paul's alumni.

We really hope that you will always think of yourselves as part of the St Paul's community. We hope to see you again. Feel free to ring, email or drop in for a chat – especially if there is something we can help with.

I hope that you will all choose to be active members of the alumni association – coming to reunions and coming along to support your successors in the School's various sporting teams. I hope that some of you will stay involved in the role of coaches – in sports, debating and other extra-curricular activities. And, remote though the idea might seem now, I hope that many of you choose to enrol your children at St Paul's School in the future, to give them the same opportunities that you have enjoyed.

So – it is just about time to go. But please: don't think of it as an ending. Think of it simply as a juncture – a time and place where paths diverge. Who knows where and when our paths may cross again.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FAITH & COMMUNITY (CONTINUED)

In a famous poem called *The Road Not Taken*, Robert Frost wrote –

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

*And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

May God bless you and keep you – until we meet again.

MR NIGEL GRANT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FAITH & COMMUNITY

SENIOR SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 4 is a very busy term for our Senior students!

For more details on the listed events, please see the School calendar on Parent Lounge.

Activity	Date
Year 11 Term 4 Block testing	14 – 21 November
Last day of School	24 November

LAPTOPS

Some changes are coming to our laptop program from the beginning of 2018. We will commence rolling out a CYOD program. More information is [available on our website](#).



CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT - SPORT

On Monday 13 November we held our first Celebration of Achievement – Sport. It was an outstanding evening which recognised the sporting success of our students across a variety of disciplines.

More photos from the evening will be available on Facebook from Saturday morning.

MIDDLE YEARS

MIDDLE YEARS UPDATE



As the year comes to an end in Middle Years there are a number of events that signal the transition as our outgoing year 9 students look to move into the Senior School and the current year 8 students take up their role as leaders for 2018.

This week we had the annual working bee supported by the new student leadership group; an event that has been in operation for the past 4 years which sees the garden area at the back of the year 7 block extended a little each year. The students were busy mulching and planting on both Tuesday and Wednesday lunch times and the end result has seen the area looking a picture.

Next week the year 8s will host the year 9s at the annual year 9 celebratory Subway lunch acknowledging this cohort's move into the Senior school. This is always a fun day with the year 8 students supplying the deserts and savoury starters.

Also next week our new student leaders will be travelling down to the Lawton PCYC to take part in a team building rock climbing afternoon to help get this group used to working together, communicating and building the relationships that will see this group plan and engage in service projects in 2018.

Finally, a select group of students in year 9 will be travelling into QUT to get a taste of tertiary education when they take part in an experiential program offered by the University. This is a first for this year level and will provide them with valuable knowledge which will assist them in choosing pathways as they embark on their senior school journey.

It might be the last week of school but there is plenty still going on.

CAMERON HOËS
HEAD OF MIDDLE YEARS (PASTORAL)

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JUNIOR SCHOOL

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Term 4 is always fast and furious in Junior School. It is a shorter term with lots of exciting events happening.

Activity	Date
Transition Day; Christmas Concerts	Week 8
Last Day of School	Friday 24 November

HOLIDAY CODING CAMP



Can you believe that school holidays are less than one month away?

St Paul's is hosting a Code Camp these holidays for students in Years 2 to 6. Early bird pricing will end on Sunday. You can find more details and register your child

here: <https://www.stpauls.qld.edu.au/.../Holiday-Code-Club-SPS.pdf>

TRANSITION MEETINGS

Thank you to all those parents who have attended the Transition Meetings. We hope they were valuable in hearing what some of the significant changes are for the new year level your children are moving to. If you missed out please contact Mrs Connolly.

DANIEL MORECOMBE FOUNDATION

The Daniel Morecombe Foundation presentation was extremely valuable and the students all learnt some very important strategies to keep them safe.

More information is on our [Facebook page](#).



SNEAK PEEK

It was a great celebration of learning at the Sneak Peek for this term. It is fabulous to see the students share their learning story and be so proud of what they have done. Well done Junior School Students!

CPL FORUM

Over the summer holidays, Mr Malloch will be working to automatically update all user's subscription preferences on the Forum. We aim to have this completed by the end of week 1, 2018. After this, please double check you are subscribed to your preferred alert categories just to make sure you continue to receive the most timely and relevant information for you and your family.



COOKIE BUSINESSES

Earlier this week our Year 6's held their annual Cookie Business Showcase. The students form teams, create a business plan, secure a business loan, interview experts and eventually sell their products.

Congratulations to our budding entrepreneurs! More photos are [available on Facebook](#).



ENTREPRENEURS CLUB WINNERS

On Wednesday 15 November, our Entrepreneurs Club held its second annual pitch night.

A mix of students, staff and parents had formed teams and created businesses using the lean start up model.

A panel of four judges from across the business industry attended the evening:

- Tim Mclennan – CEO QUT bluebox
- Susan Lambe – Founder and Principal Consultant – The Big Speakeasy
- Lucy Rayment – Head of Customer Experience Design – Auto & General Insurance
- Mike Capps – Chief Operations Office – RedEye Apps

The winners? *The Soap Saver* – a mix of three Year 7 students who have come up with an ingenious way of safely shower, use their soap to the very end, and saves fancy soaps from being dropped and destroyed.

The winning students were Logan Stansfield, Ishani Chauhan and Thomas Radvan. Stay tuned for more details on their success.

BOARD GAMES DAY

The Level Up Board Games Club is delighted to invite you to its 'Family Fun Day' this Saturday, 18 November.

The day begins at 10am until 4:30pm in Tooth lounge and there will be an endless array of board games for people to play. Snacks will also be provided.

Feel free to bring your own games if you would like, or just play with the games in our extensive range. We hope to see you there!



GENERAL NEWS

MORE RECOGNITION FOR ST PAUL'S

We're pleased to announce that St Paul's School has been named as one of the 12 most innovative schools in South-East Queensland by The [Courier Mail](#).

In a special subscriber-only feature, the newspaper examined the education landscape and identified 12 schools which they believe equip young people with the skills to succeed in a shifting labour market and global economy.

You can read the entry about St Paul's School in the photos provided. It's great to see continuing recognition of our innovative approach to education

If you are a Courier Mail subscriber, you can read the feature here: <http://tinyurl.com/ybmfutws>



RISK AND COMPLIANCE NEWS

SNAKES

We share our beautiful 150-acre campus with creatures great and small who may like to visit us from time to time. It is the season we tend to see snakes move about.

We educate our students to not touch, not approach, walk away calmly and tell a staff member should they cite a snake. Activities are relocated away from the snake, until the snake is removed.

Reporting of snakes are to be directed to the Facility and Property Manager, Mr Charles Sweeney.

ROAD RULES

We are privileged to have the space available on our campus allowing cars accessibility around the School and parking. However, our roads need to be respected and road rules abided.

Speed limits must be adhered to, give way at pedestrian crossings and parking only where it is signed to do so.

We love our children and want to continue to provide a safe environment. We are community and this has to be a joint effort.

STUDENT DETAILS:

We are already planning for 2018. Can I please ask parents/guardians to log in to Parent Lounge over the holidays and update your child's details, importantly their medical details.

WELLBEING CENTRE

COUNSELLING



TO THE CLASS OF 2017

The end of school for our Year 12 students is rapidly approaching, meaning that celebrations are about to start!!! Overseas holidays, cruises and of course “Schoolies” are only some of the things that Year 12’s have planned.

For some of our students, this may be the first holiday they have without their parents! Rest assured that Schoolies has certainly evolved over the years to be a very structured event with lots of support aimed at helping our kids to have fun and be safe! Organisations such as Red Frogs have a big presence at Schoolies and have already presented to our Year 12’s earlier this term, highlighting what support they can offer at Schoolies.

Parenting expert Michael Grose, has written a great article emphasizing key conversations that can be helpful to have with your child before they head to Schoolies. To read the article go to <http://www.understandingboys.com.au/how-to-keep-your-teenager-safe-during-schoolies-week/>

Finally, we would like to wish all the Year 12 students the best of luck with whatever it is they decide to do next year

Karen Semple
School Counsellor

Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636
Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

Lifeline 13 11 14
Youth Beyond Blue <http://www.youthbeyondblue.com/>

WELLBEING CENTRE

CAREER NEWS

This service provides students, parents and staff members with up to date career information. The information is updated fortnightly and we highly recommend that you scan it regularly for items of interest, especially for students in the Senior School.

Please click on the [attached](#) to access the latest Career News.

USEFUL CAREERS WEBSITES

- My Future www.myfuture.edu.au
Job Outlook www.jobsearch.gov.au/joboutlook
Job Guide <http://www.jobguide.deewr.gov.au/>



SUPPORTERS GROUPS

FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS GROUP



Notice of Annual General Meeting Of the Football Supporters' Group To be held on Thursday 23 November at 6:30pm

Notice is hereby given that the Football Supporters' Group of St Paul's School (Bald Hills) Supporter's Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on the 23rd November 2017 at 6:30pm in the Library.

The Football Supporters Group Annual General Meeting (AGM) is on at 6.30pm Thursday 23rd November in the School Library. Attached is a 'Notice' with all the details. To ensure the FSG caters for the Football needs across the entire school, all supporters are welcome to play a part in 2018. To achieve this we need voices from Junior, Middle & Senior schools so whether you have one or ten years remaining at the School, please get involved. So rally up a few football faces and come along to the meeting. The AGM will be followed by a General Meeting.

In the interim, please don't hesitate to make contact if you have any questions.

Peter Deane
FSG President

CRICKET SUPPORTERS GROUP



President's Message

All five teams played some terrific cricket in Round 3 of the BNJCA competition. The Open's and Under 13's remain undefeated. Very proud of how all our teams are playing their cricket in the spirit of the game and helping each other out at training and on game days. Hat's off to the parents to who make it all possible.

Good luck in Round 4 as we enter the final three weeks of the competition. TAS and JTAS cricket is just round the corner in Term 1 and our new Head of Cricket, Mr Lachlan Sykes, could be hiding behind a tree so hope you are playing your best cricket.

Match reports and other general information can be [found here](#).

SUPPORTER GROUPS

RUGBY SUPPORTERS GROUP



HERITAGE SUPPORTER'S SHIRTS

In 2018, St Paul's will celebrate 55 years of playing rugby at the school. To commemorate this milestone, the RSG has commissioned a special supporter's jersey, in the same style as those worn by players in the early years. Further information and ordering details can be found in the [attached flyer](#).

2018 RUGBY SEASON SIGN-ON

For the 2018 season, all players who sign on prior to the end of this year will be provided with a commemorative heritage training shirt to celebrate 55 years of rugby. Please nominate your size in the sign-on form by clicking on the link below, or via the "Sign On" tab at the top of the SPS Rugby Facebook page

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9CCcC1JIXQbepm826vUL6DTD-Efmh-CLurMs46OInJ-RiYg/viewform>

TERM 4 TRAINING TIMES

2018 Opens & Year 10 players – Tuesday & Thursday 3.30pm – 5.00pm

2018 Year 8 & 9 players – Monday 3.30pm – 5.00pm

2018 Year 7 players – introductory session on Monday 24 October, 3.30pm – 5.00pm

All training will take place on the Association Oval, unless otherwise advised.