



FROM THE HEADMASTER



REALMS OF THINKING

During the holidays, I bumped into a past staff member who retired a few years ago. He wanted to congratulate the School for being listed amongst the Top 100 most innovative learning organisations in the world, by Cambridge University, but he wasn't sure what it was exactly that caused them to approach us to seek permission to put us on the list.

Following that encounter, I attended an international conference held in Singapore about the future of education globally. At that conference, I met staff from a school in Melbourne who had heard a lot about the work of St Paul's School and they are keen to visit our School.

Some of you may have had similar thoughts: an awareness that St Paul's has achieved global recognition and accolades, but unsure of the specifics regarding *why* we have been so recognised.

Essentially, St Paul's School has been recognised because of our ground-breaking work on creativity, innovation and entrepreneurialism. Some context though, might be helpful here.

Speakers at the conference in Singapore all recognised that the world has changed, and is continuing to change, at a rapid pace. The jobs of the future will be vastly different to what they are now. What young people need, apart from being of good character, is the ability to think creatively.

Sir Ken Robinson's Ted Talk video, "Do Schools Kill Creativity?" (viewed over 17 million times on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iG9CE55wbtY>) tells the story of how schools effectivity kill students' passions and ability to be creative. St Paul's didn't want to be one of those typical schools.

While many schools across the globe recognise the challenges education faces, not many have kept pace with the innovations undertaken at St Paul's.

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This is because, over the past eight years, we have researched and created a way of teaching that nurtures and grows every child's creativity in every curriculum area. We call this teaching method: "Realms of Thinking".

Realms of Thinking is growing in global awareness. In fact, it was because of the Realms of Thinking that last year we won "Best Innovation in School Curriculum" at the Australian national education awards in Sydney, alongside our recognition by Cambridge University.

Schools and universities have been coming to visit St Paul's School from all parts of the country to learn about our approach to creative thinking.

Coupled with our work on the Realms of Thinking, Cambridge University was also very impressed with our development of a third pathway for learning: an entrepreneurial pathway.

Many schools are now recognising the importance of entrepreneurialism and are boasting that they have "Shark Tank" experiences for their students, but no School has a dedicated Centre for Innovators and Entrepreneurs (CIE).

Students who have been encouraged to think creatively can scale their ideas to become a genuine business through the CIE. Why is it that people become entrepreneurs in spite of their education? Why can't they become an entrepreneur because of their education?

The Realms of Thinking and the entrepreneurial pathway are what makes St Paul's School one of the most innovative learning organisations in the world.

DR PAUL BROWNING
HEADMASTER



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FAITH & COMMUNITY



FAITH, FAMILY & FULFILMENT

It's good to be back at school, although the holidays were great too. I trust that all students are refreshed and looking forward to all that Term 2 will bring. I trust too that each St Paul's family was able to spend some meaningful time together – especially over the Easter long-weekend.

Had you realised that our word “holidays” is derived from “holy days” in Old English? In addition to the Judeo-Christian pattern of one day of rest (Sabbath) in every seven, God has also ordained that feasts and holy days should be set aside, to remember His provision for us. Christmas (the birth of Christ) and Easter (the death and resurrection of Christ) are pre-

eminent among these holy days within Christian societies.

Periodic rest and recreation are important aspects of a balanced life (as are, I would argue, worship and fellowship with other believers). We probably all have preferred forms of recreation: mine include sleeping in, leisurely cups of coffee, walking on the beach and reading. I am pleased to say that I accomplished all of these over the last two weeks.

I would like to reflect on one thing I read this last weekend, in the Weekend Australian. Social demographer, Simon Kuestenmacher, wrote an interesting article titled “Losing faith in religion leaves young trapped in painful search for meaning”. He cites census data which shows that the proportion of the population identifying as Christian has fallen from 97% to 58% over the past fifty years. Over the same time, the proportion identifying as having “No religion” has increased from 1% to 33%. Clearly, there are a lot of factors at play here, but the change is very significant.

Kuestenmacher also points out that, over the past ten years, the number of under-18s prescribed anti-depressant medication has increased from around 25,000 to 100,000. Again, I don't want to over-simplify this situation, nor to confuse correlation with causation. However, in this fast-paced world, mental health problems do seem to be reaching epidemic proportions.

Kuestenmacher suggests that the two trends may be related. He suggests that, as religion has fallen out of favour, more and more people are seeking to find meaning in their lives at work. This is

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fine, so long as you have the luxury of having a fulfilling job; a job that provides both income and purpose.

Throughout this term, RaVE teachers will be talking to their Year 10 classes about post-school education and employment options, as students begin to develop their SET plans. Of course, these conversations are on-going with students in Years 11 and 12. We do encourage students to aim for further studies and employment in areas that they are passionate about. As I often say, life is too short to be stuck in a job you don't enjoy. However, I certainly wouldn't suggest to students that our work should be the only source of fulfilment in our lives. Our faith, our relationships with family and friends, and our service of others in community are much more reliable sources of meaning and fulfilment.

MR NIGEL GRANT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FAITH & COMMUNITY

SECONDARY SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

Please find a complete list of dates in the School calendar, accessible via Parent Lounge.

Activity	Date
Year 12 QCS Practice Test	30 April – 1 May
Inter-House Cross Country Carnival	Thurs 2 May
Year 12 Parent/teacher Interviews	Tues 7 May
Year 12 Photo	Mon 13 May, 2.15pm
NAPLAN	14 – 16 May
Year 8 Camp	14 – 17 May
Year 11 GCC Meetings	Thurs 23 May

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING UPDATE | KOKODA & TREE PLANTING

Over the Easter holidays preparations continued for the Kokoda Experience with the Kokoda 2019 Team completing a 12km hike to Baxter Creek Falls and then onto Mapleton Falls in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. All up, the trek took around five hours and was the first serious hit out in preparation for September's Adventure on the Kokoda Track.

Read more [HERE](#).

In other Experiential Learning news the second phase of the Koala Corridor was planted out on the final day of Term 1. The Service Learning Koala Corridor team were able to get another 250 saplings in the ground and healthy rains over the break ensured that the young plants got off to a good start. Plants that were put into the ground last November are doing well and have now reached 3-4 feet in height; a credit to our grounds staff who have ensured water and weeding have given the new plants the best chance of healthy growth.

Read more [HERE](#).

Mr Cameron Howes
Head of Experiential Learning Development



SECONDARY SCHOOL

CAREERS EXPO

Counselling Department will be hosting a Careers Expo on Monday, 20 May 2019 from 2.25 pm – 3.30pm. We have invited Universities, TAFE, Defence Force, Emergency Services and various private training providers to attend. This is a great opportunity for all Year 10, 11 and 12 students and parents to find out more information about career pathways you may be interested in.

More information will be provide closer to the day.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PLANNERS AND SUBJECT LEARNING OUTLINES

Parents and Caregivers, do you know you can access your student's Assessment Planner and Subject Learning Outlines via Parent Lounge? This information is readily available to assist you to support your student's learning.

[Attached is a step by step guide to access the information.](#) If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact your student's House Tutor.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost Property will now be kept in the Krebs centre reception, and students are most welcome to come and check for their misplaced belongings.

To assist with managing the number of unnamed items making their way to Lost Property, these items will be kept for two weeks. After this time items such as drink bottles, lunch boxes etc will be disposed of, and unnamed clothing will be donated to charity.

Every effort will be made to locate the owners of named lost property and valuable items such as watches, blazers etc via student emails.

It would be greatly appreciated if clothing items, calculators, bottles etc could all be clearly named.

JUNIOR SCHOOL



WELCOME TO TERM 2!

Welcome back for Term 2!! I hope everyone was able to have some downtime and enjoy the children.

Term 2 is shaping up to be busy but lots of fun as we have some annual events such as:

- NAPLAN 14 – 15 – 16 May
- Year 4 Camp 15 – 17 May
- HPE Week 27 – 31 May

As well as a variety of excursions and of course Mother's Day events!!!

Now that the children have been at school for a term and we have had Sneak Peek it may be a good time to reset goals with the children. Please feel free to meet with teachers to reset or adjust goals if required.

Have a great term!

Marianne Connolly
Director of Junior School

MUSIC

Welcome back! We hope you've all had a relaxing holiday, because our musicians are going to be very busy this term...

QUEENSLAND YOUTH MUSIC AWARDS

Many of our ensembles are competing in this long running Brisbane music competition. We wish the following groups the best of luck in their section;

9/5/19	Vivo Strings
9/5/19	Lento Strings
10/5/19	Allegretto Strings
20/5/19	Junior School Choir
22/5/19	Wind Ensemble
23/5/19	Concert Band
31/5/19	Red Shirt Choir

For detailed performance information, please visit the St Paul's Music website. If any parents or friends happen to take any photos of the performances, we'd love to see them!



BRISBANE YOUTH JAZZ FESTIVAL

Our Big Band will be performing at the inaugural Brisbane Youth Jazz Festival, run by the Brisbane Jazz Club, on Thursday May 9. This will be a great chance for our jazz musicians to hear other big bands and perform in front of a supportive audience. Tickets are available via the Brisbane Jazz Club website: www.brisbanejazzclub.com.au

ALEX HARPER – “SPECIAL”

Introducing Year 11 student Alex Harper as she presents her original production, 'Special!' Alex has been working with long-time friend of St Paul's Music, Francesca de Valance from [*Heart Songwriting Club*](#), to write and produce her own show of original music as part of the Anywhere Theatre Festival in May. We're proud to support Alex by hosting her production at St Paul's on May 11 and 12 and would love for our musicians and friends to come along to this wonderful show. For more details and to purchase tickets, please go to <https://anywhere.is/listings/special/>



MUSIC

MUSIC IN THE DARK

Our annual Music in The Dark event is fast approaching. Our musicians have worked hard for this performance; for some, it will be their very first performance ever! Bring a picnic blanket and snuggle up under the stars for a night of lovely music. The Music Supporters' Group will also be selling delicious food and beverages (including the best-selling cheese plate and wine!).

All St Paul's Music ensembles are involved in this event. A full schedule of performances will be available soon.



SOLO COMPETITION 2019

Round 1 of our renowned St Paul's Music Solo Competition begins during lunchtimes in Week 5, so you'd better start practising! Application forms are available at Music Reception or on the Music website and are due by the end of Week 3. There is a Middle Years section (7-9) and Senior Years section (10-12), with finalists having the opportunity to perform at Sandgate Town Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for young musicians to play in a setting other than their ensemble and we encourage *all* students in Years 7 to 12 to enter.



If you haven't already, please check out our [Music website](#), check the Music section of each St Paul's newsletter, like our [St Paul's Music Facebook page](#) and follow us on Instagram (@musicpsps) for Music information (and some great photos of your kids in action).

Kellee Green
Head of Music

SPORT

INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY (7-12)

The Year 7 to 12 Cross Country Carnival will take place next **Thursday, 2 May** during Periods 4 to 6. Students have been advised of details in their Tutor groups. Nominations will take place on Monday.

CROSS COUNTRY (U12 – OPEN)

The 2019 focus for students participating in St Paul's School Cross Country season is on them giving a high level of commitment, having a positive attitude, supporting each other and performing to the best of their ability to achieve their goal.

SEASON DETAILS

The 2019 Season will commence on **Wednesday April 24, 2019** and culminate with the 2019 TAS Cross Country Championships on Wednesday June 12. This season, there are only 2 official training sessions scheduled, each of these sessions will cater for varying ability levels. We are asking you that you make a commitment to attend both these training sessions and if you have any concerns about this see one of the coaches or myself.

TRAINING SESSIONS

It is a priority that **ALL athletes attend all sessions**; each session will cater for a variety of ability levels. This year the season is only 6 weeks long and we are asking that athletes make a commitment to at least 6 training sessions throughout the season.

Year 7-12 Training Sessions	
Tuesday	Wednesday
7.10am – 8.00am Meet @ Walker Centre	7.10am – 8.00am Meet @ Walker Centre

To get involved all you need to do is turn up to any of the sessions advertised in the next 2 weeks and make sure you put your name on the roll.

The 2019 Season details and calendar is available [HERE](#).

Tim Osborne
Cross Country Coordinator

GENERAL NEWS & NOTICES

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

On Wednesday, 24 April our School community gathered to remember the sacrifice of those who have served our nation in the armed forces. We are very proud of students' involvement on the day, and their exemplary behaviour during the service.



STUDENT PROTECTION

St Paul's School and St Paul's Early Learning Centre support the rights of children and young people and are committed to ensuring the safety, welfare and wellbeing of students and children.

St Paul's School and St Paul's Early Learning Centre is therefore committed to responding to allegations of student harm resulting from the conduct or actions of any person including that of employees.

This commitment includes the provision of a safe and supportive living and learning environment for all students and requires all employees, volunteers and visitors to model and encourage behaviour that upholds the dignity and protection of students and children from harm.

Do you know who our friendly Student Protection Officers are?



Mrs Karen Semple



Mrs Marianne Connolly



Mr Tim Hughes

BLAZER EMBELLISHMENTS

Our supplier has advised of a short delay in the processing of blazer embellishments. Blazers are due to return to the Retail Shop late next week. A notice will be put in Daily Notices advising when blazers are ready for collection. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Helen Brand
Retail Shop

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RETAIL SHOP

Opening hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00am – 4:00pm

For a list of 2019 uniform requirements, see [HERE](#).

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The new 2019 | 2020 Entertainment Books are coming soon!

Order your new 2019|2020 Entertainment [™] Membership today to receive up to \$120 in Early Bird Offers!

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WELLBEING CENTRE

COUNSELLING

Helpful contacts

- Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636
- Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
- Lifeline 13 11 14
- Youth Beyond Blue www.youthbeyondblue.com/

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 HERE** to access the latest Career News.

Career information is also available on the St Paul's School Careers website at <https://www.stpaulscareers.com.au/>.

Click **HERE** to see the latest newsletter from the website host, Career Tools.

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USEFUL CAREER WEBSITES

- My Future www.myfuture.edu.au
Job Outlook www.jobsearch.gov.au/joboutlook

SUPPORTER GROUPS

JUNIOR SCHOOL SUPPORTERS GROUP

1. MOTHER'S DAY – High Tea at Bacchus, South Bank

This Mother's Day, we can do something more meaningful than the usual last minute flowers and chocolates – we can celebrate with the significant people in our lives and while we're at it – single dads, grandparents, same-sex parents, foster parents, close friends, co-workers and teachers. Open to the entire School to attend, parents and children (boys or girls), family friends anyone who is special to you.

We invite you to immerse yourself in the elegant surroundings of Bacchus Rooftop together with your children, your parents, your sisters, anyone important in your life and in your child's life; let's break bread together. Limited Places. Tickets available on Flexischools.

Find more details and ticket prices [HERE](#).



2. GROWTH MINDSET/MOTIVATIONAL POSTER INITIATIVE

When families, teachers, and mentors use motivational quotes for kids that focus on healthy peer and adult relationships, they stimulate children to think differently about their social interactions.

Sociability is the joyful, cooperative ability to engage with others. It is derived from a collection of social-emotional skills that help youth understand and express feelings and behaviours in ways that facilitate positive relationships. These behaviours include active listening, self-regulation, and effective communication.

Parents and teachers improve young people's sociability when they help youth understand that the words they choose make a difference to the relationships they create. When adults help youth see that every social interaction is tied to an emotional reaction, young people learn to avoid impulsive behaviour and think through difficult situations before acting.

Motivational quotes for kids that focus on relational experiences can provide a guide for children as they interact with others.

Last term, we completed the poster initiative and the results are amazing.



Danielle Page

President

St Paul's School Junior School Supporters' Group

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SUPPORTER GROUPS

HOCKEY SUPPORTERS GROUP



The TAS Hockey season is about the kick off!

TAS Hockey offers students expert training sessions, group fitness, specialist coaching programs & mentorship to develop skills to grow further as a player, mentor, referee or coach. Below you will find information that will help you prepare for the season.

Click [HERE](#) to read details.

VOLEYBALL SUPPORTERS GROUP



Our next Volleyball Supporters Group meeting will be held at 6pm, Monday 13 May 2019 in the School library.

Parents and caregivers from both boys and girls seasons are more than welcome. Our meetings usually run for around 1.5 hrs.

We will be planning for end of year celebrations, sponsorship, monster raffle and more. New members, feedback and input are welcomed. The more, the merrier!

Nerida Wilson
Volleyball Supporters Group President

PARENT (AND CAREGIVERS) CONNECT SUPPORTERS GROUP

Parent Connections Supporters Group will have regular meetings in the Library on the third Monday of the month – **6:30-8pm, starting May 20.**

Our aim: To provide education and support to the St. Paul's Parent Community so we can navigate a rapidly advancing uncertain and technological future.

Our four areas of focus:

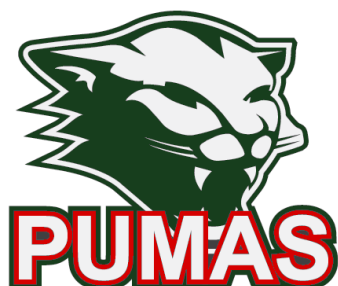
1. **Futurism** – what does the future hold for you and your family (how can we prepare – education and practically)?
2. **Networking** - Building Parent Networks and Support Groups | connecting and sharing ideas and knowledge
3. **Education** – Educating ourselves by accessing knowledgeable key note speakers and presenters
4. **Engagement** – being a conduit for parents and the school to better engage with each other to provide the best education for our children.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Gover.

Sarah Gover
Parent Connect Supporters Group
0430082865

SUPPORTER GROUPS

TOUCH FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS GROUP



FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Are you able to help on Friday, 3 May from 8am to approximately 12pm?

The Touch Football Supporters Group along with the Netball Supporters Group have been given the opportunity to run the canteen at the Bramble Bay Cross Country.

If you are able to spare an hour or two please let me know by replying to touchpresident@spssa.org.au

Thanks!

PAST STUDENTS SUPPORTERS GROUP

****ATTENTION ALL PAST STUDENTS!**

We would love you to see you back on SPS campus to take part in '**Back to St Paul's Gala Day**'.

The annual Back to St Paul's Day will be held Saturday, 11 May.

Sports fixtures: St Paul's vs WestMAC. All current and past students are encouraged to come along and support the teams.

We will also be launching our new Past Students Bar, where each past student member will receive a free beverage. It will be situated in between the main oval and tennis courts, throughout the day.

Please encourage any fellow past students in your contact networks to come along and re-connect with the School.

If you're not able to make it, please drop us a line via the Alumni Association Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/alumnistpauls>

We hope to see you there!

Should you have any queries, please let us know.

The Past Students Supporter Group