



FROM THE HEADMASTER



NCCD

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability.

These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling;
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional;
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools;
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools;
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.
- The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The School will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy

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Policy on the Department of Education website: <https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>

The Fact Sheet for Parents, Guardians and Careers is available on the NCCD website:

<https://www.nccd.edu.au/sites/default/files/fact%20sheet%20for%20parents%20guardians%20and%20carers.pdf>

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact me via email at:

headmaster@stpauls.qld.edu.au

Dr Paul Browning
Headmaster

APPLICATIONS FOR RAY GEISE BURSARY (CURRENT STUDENTS ONLY)

BURSARY DETAILS

The Ray Geise Bursary for Service will be offered to one current St Paul's School student, who will be in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11 in 2020.

This Bursary is to the total value of \$1,000 (as a reduction in School fees) for 2020 only.

CRITERIA

Students should submit a covering letter detailing their performance in pursuing the Aims and Goals of the School and must show evidence of consistently caring for others and helping them to live worthwhile and meaningful lives; students must have pride in their School and demonstrate this in their dealings with their peers and indeed the whole School community.

In addition to the covering letter, students should submit a 1000 word essay on "Building a Christian Caring Community in the 21st Century."

In awarding the Ray Geise Bursary, particular attention will be paid to the performance of the applicants in pursuing the Aims and Goals of the School, and to any financial need which exists in the family.

APPLICATIONS

All Bursary applications and offers are to be treated as private and confidential and are not for public discussion or announcement. Applicants should submit:

A Bursary Application Form

A Covering Letter

An Essay

A separate application should be submitted for each child within a family.

Bursary Application Forms are available from the Headmaster's Executive Assistant, Ms Sam Beeney, via email request: s.beeney@stpauls.qld.edu.au

Bursary applications (including the completed Application Form, Covering Letter and Essay) should be submitted in a sealed confidential envelope by Friday 18 October 2019 (the end of the second week of Term 4) to: Dr Paul Browning, Headmaster, St Paul's School, 34 Strathpine Road, BALD HILLS QLD 4036.



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FAITH & COMMUNITY



WHAT IS MY PURPOSE?

"Are you looking for purpose in life? For a purpose big enough to absorb every ounce of your attention, deep enough to plumb every mystery of your passions, and lasting enough to inspire you to your last breath?" So begins a book by Os Guinness that I read over the holidays – "The Call: Finding and Fulfilling the Central Purpose of your Life".

By now, I trust you are becoming familiar with the student wellbeing framework we have developed here at St Paul's, called "Ways of Being". As the name suggests, this framework aligns with our holistic view of education. We are not only interested in learning, thinking and doing, although those things are obviously central to the work of all schools. Rather, we believe it is

important to pay attention to the development of the whole child – mind, body and soul. We believe that being (the type of person your child is becoming) is at least as important as doing (their school results; musical or sporting accomplishments.)

As I have previously described it, the Ways of Being framework has five inter-related elements –

1. Character and virtues
2. Values and ethics
3. Physical health and wellbeing
4. Mental health and wellbeing
5. Spiritual formation

The first four of these elements are probably fairly self-explanatory, but perhaps you have been wondering what we mean by "spiritual formation"?

On the broadest level, we aim to help children, as they journey towards adulthood, to address some of the deepest questions of human existence – Why am I here? What is the meaning of life? How can I find and fulfill my destiny? We acknowledge that the world offers many answers to these questions (including the deeply unsatisfying "There is no purpose or meaning to human existence"), but we reject secular-materialist and Eastern philosophies and instead offer to students for their consideration the biblical worldview that underpins our Anglican heritage.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FAITH & COMMUNITY

Some of you may remember a scene in that deeply philosophical movie, "City Slickers", in which the Billy Crystal character (Mitch) is discussing the meaning of life with the wise old cowboy (Curly). Curly asks – "Do you know what the secret of life is? It's one thing..." and the rest of the movie follows Mitch in his quest to discover what that one thing is.

Of course, it's an age-old question to which many have attempted to offer an answer. What is the meaning of life? What is the "one thing" that can act as a unifying principle, a guiding light through the ups and downs of life? As I think about spiritual formation, I suggest that Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard (1813-1855) had it right when he said – "The thing is to understand myself, to see what God really wants me to do... to find the idea for which I can live and die".

Os Guinness, with whom I began, suggests that the "ultimate why" for human living can be found as we – "Become an entrepreneur of life and see all of life as an enterprise transformed by (God's) call. Count the cost, consider the risks, and set out each day on a venture to multiply your gifts and opportunities and bring glory to God and add value to our world."

This language, when applied in the context of spiritual formation at St Paul's School, neatly describes what I would call holistic faith. This is not just a religious veneer, not just something to be taken out at Christmas and Easter, or at christenings, weddings and funerals (hatching, matching and dispatching), but a meaningful, living faith that gives purpose to my every day and which provides satisfying answers to life's biggest questions.

Mr Nigel Grant
Executive Director of Faith & Community



SECONDARY SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

Please find a complete calendar of events via Parent Lounge or Student Cafe.

Year 12 QTAC evening	6 August
Year 10 Immunisations	7 August
Year 9 Camp	6-9 August

DESIGN LED VENTURE 1.0 UPDATE

Our inaugural Design Led Venture Team is well underway. Seven year 6-11 students with a recent adoption of an Italian Exchange student, are working closely with each other, Dr Jones, Mr Osborne, the World's Biggest Garage Sale Team, and other facilitators.

The team has been on a day adventure to [The Precinct](#) and [River City Labs](#), meeting and interviewing WBS friends, mentors, and partners. They got to experience a co-working space for a day, met Leanne Kemp ([Queensland's Chief Entrepreneur](#)), Pepper the Robot, and pitched their idea in a room full of people!

Since then, the team has defined their BHAG – their 'Big Hairy Audacious Goal', which they regularly use to judge their progress and ideas.

"to be more creative and come up with solutions that will impact companies globally to show the world that the youth can make a difference"

Just this week, they came up with 110 ideas in an ideation session to help WBS reach its potential now and into the future.

Now which of those 110 ideas will they go with? Stay tuned

Read more about the Design Led Ventures program [HERE](#).



SECONDARY SCHOOL

BUSINESS MORETON BAY REGION - STUDENT SHOWCASE IMPRESSES CROWD!

Two of our St Paul's Year 9 Business Teams had the opportunity to present their business ideas at last Friday's Moreton Bay Business & Innovation Luncheon at the Eaton's Hill Hotel.

Maisy Whitehead showcased her VegoPac Idea and even got a mention in the key note speech by Queensland's Chief Entrepreneur, Leanne Kemp. Alexandra Whitham and Ruby Wright engaged the crowd with their idea for a platform that allows consumers to make choices regarding their beauty product purchases by knowing which product use animals in their testing processes.

The students also enjoyed a luncheon and panel discuss with five innovators and entrepreneurs discussing "Using modern technology in business and day-to-day life". Courageous Maisy even asked a very thoughtful question in front of 300+ attendees. Congratulations Maisy, Alexandra, and Ruby for your professional and confident presentations.

St Paul's is full of support for our young entrepreneurs, we have the physical space at the CIE to allow students to work on their businesses, recognition at Senior and Teacher level that entrepreneurship is important and a valid pathway, we have access to the knowledge expertise of many mentors/coaches ready and waiting to help, and most of all, we believe in you!



BOOK WEEK 2019: READING IS MY SECRET POWER!

Our annual Book Week celebrations are being planned and we look forward to celebrating our love of literature with you from the 19 - 23 August! Book Week is a wonderful opportunity for all members of our St Paul's community to join together, and what a wonderful theme we have this year! Everyone will find great benefits from reading: what secret power do you believe reading gives you?

We will kick off on Monday 19th with our whole-school Book Week Parade. This annual event, which brings together Junior and Secondary students, staff and parents will be held in the Walker Centre from 9am on Monday 19th August. More specific details regarding organisation will follow, but start planning your costumes now! Also, both the Junior and Secondary libraries will be getting into the spirit of Book Week with activities each lunchtime: watch out for Trivia competitions, guest speakers, colouring, Kahoot challenges and much more!

One of the exciting competitions, run nationally, is the Children's Book Council Book of the Year Award. Have a look at the short-listed titles for each of the categories here: <https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2019> Winners will be announced at noon on Friday 16 August.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Book Week parade!

Judy Bolton
(Head of Information Services)

SECONDARY SCHOOL

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING UPDATE | YEAR 9 CAMP & SERVICE LEARNING

Next week the Year 9 students will be out on their Outdoor Education experience from Tues 6 – Fri 9 Aug. The Year 9 camp is a different style of camp to all of the other experiences students take part in at St Paul's and is probably the camp that students enjoy the most. This is not because it is easy, or like going on a holiday; in fact it is very physically demanding and requires students to engage in a series of team based challenges which are difficult on both a physical and problem solving level.

The camp is designed to build a sense of team work and belonging within the year level and builds on the skills of independence and resilience that the students have learned across their Year 8 and 7 experiences.

Read more [HERE](#).

On the Service Learning front, last week our students continued their strong support for our Eat Up program. This initiative sees our team prepare lunch packs for students in primary schools whose families are experiencing distress and are not able to provide adequate lunches for their children.

Read more [HERE](#).



YEAR 9 RAVE EXCURSION

By: Jess Gentle and Anneka Platts, Grade 9

"On the 23rd of July, Grade 9 travelled into Brisbane City for a RaVE excursion to better understand places of religious worship. The cohort was separated into two groups which initially travelled to separate destinations. Mrs Emslie's group attended Ching Chung Taoist Church, where they learnt ancient philosophies and gained a deep understanding of Taoism. Reverend Mark's group travelled to the Greek Orthodox Church. Here, a Greek priest taught them the denomination's unique history and customs. As the day progressed, both groups arrived at the Baptist City Tabernacle and the Jewish Synagogue. The architectural design of the two buildings was unique and reflective of their respective religions. Listening to the member of the Jewish Synagogue was highly enlightening and factual; she imparted her knowledge of Judaism's history upon the students, and gave them a unique insight into the beliefs, customs and history of the religion. Meghan Gall, upon reflecting over her time in the synagogue, said, "I really enjoyed learning about Judaism because it showed me different religious perspectives on life and new interpretations of the Bible."



SECONDARY SCHOOL

YEAR 11 HEALTH & NUTRITION

This term the Year 11 Food & Nutrition class has been examining factors that influence consumer demand, and consumer influence on the development of new foods. Ethics and culture play a big part, including the growing interest in alternative proteins. Yesterday students investigated (and tasted) some plant-based meat alternatives, comparing them to beef products.

There was some discussion as to which sausage contained meat – it was difficult to tell the difference!



GOLF PROGRAM (TERM 3)

Does an afternoon of golf sound like the perfect way to unwind?

We are seeking keen golfers to join in the Term 3 Golf Program for Year 7 to 12 students and parents. John Victorsen (former PGA player) will be again running the program. Cost for the 5-week program is \$35 per student or \$50 for one student and one adult.

Please click on the link below for more information and to register. After sign-on you will receive further information from Mr White prior to commencing the program.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/y77r8t8b>

JUNIOR SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

Please find a complete calendar of events via Parent Lounge or Student Cafe.

EKKA Holiday	14 August
Father's Day Stall	27 & 29 August
Year 5 Camp	4-6 September
Year 4-6 ICAS Science	5 September
Years 5/6 Touch Footy Carnival	11 September
JTAS Athletics	13 September
Years 4/6 ICAS English	17 September
Sneak Peek	18 September
Grandparent's Day	20 September

FINDING ARTHROPODS IN YEAR 1

What a wonderfully relaxing and enjoyable day Year 1 had on Friday, learning about and searching for arthropods!

With the help of Brisbane City Council Education Officers, Megan and Jackie, students stepped into their role as 'explorers.' Using binoculars and magnifying glasses to observe carefully our school's Riparian Rainforest, they searched for clues that might lead to finding some arthropods.

Students learned that insects, crustaceans, myriapods and arachnids, all belong to the arthropod family. Arthropods have no backbone, jointed legs and arms, as well as a segmented body. After searching for, and finding some arthropods, they made their own using clay and bush materials!

Mrs Casablanca & Mrs Barratt
Teachers (Year 1)



'SORA' CLUB

Last Friday saw the commencement of the Junior School Years 3-6 Enrichment Program for Japanese, the Sora Club.

Sora (pronounced 'soh-rah') means 'sky' in Japanese and is named as such to encourage students to reach new heights in their language studies. This is part of an exciting new vertical grouping system (Years 3-6) that we are trialling in with the aim of accelerating students' Japanese Proficiency.

Read more about the program [HERE](#).

Mr Mackenzie-Smith
Teacher (Japanese)

JUNIOR SCHOOL

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE JUNIOR LIBRARY?

This term, all students in Years P-6 have been immersed in the collection of books shortlisted for the Children's Book Council of Australia's awards.

Book Award winners will be announced at noon on Friday, 16 August 2019.

The 2019 Book Week celebrations will be held from 17 – 23 August.



The Children's Book Council of Australia's theme for 2019 is: 'Reading is my secret power!'

The Junior School Library has lots of activities organised to celebrate books, reading and our favourite book characters.

Mon 19 Aug	<p>Book Week Character Parade What is your secret power? Come to school dressed to celebrate your secret power. This does not mean that you have to dress as a super hero. Super hero powers are not secret! You may also come to school dressed as your favourite book character. If you cannot think of a character, come and see Mrs Gardener or Mrs Power in the Library.</p> <p>Insects in the Library</p>
Tues 20 Aug	<p>Chalk drawings Come to the Library and create your own!</p>
Wed 21 Aug	<p>Useless objects - make your very own useless objects!</p> <p>Technology in the Library</p>
Thur 22 Aug	<p>The Junior School Book Swap Students can swap up to FIVE (5) books they have read for five they haven't. From 12-16 August, students are invited to bring the books they would like to swap to the Junior School Library. The number of books each student brings will be recorded. On the Book Swap day, students will be given tickets according to the number of books they have brought in. At lunchtime on Thursday 22 August, students can bring their tickets to the Senior School Library and choose the books they would like to take. This is not a book donation drive. Please do not clean out your bookshelves and send in your unwanted books.</p>
Fri 23 Aug	<p>Vote for your favourite CBCA Book Week Book.</p> <p>Technology in the Library</p>

Mrs Helen Gardener
Junior School Teacher Librarian

MUSIC

SPS FEST - WEEK 5

Only one week to go until our annual SPS Fest! Our Music students will be running all kinds of excellent activities during lunchtimes for students of all ages to take part in – such as drumming circles, karaoke, Conduct Us! And Friday lunchtime's Pub Choir in the Walker Centre, but the biggest events of the week are two night time performances that you won't want to miss.

The first is our SPS Fest Songwriters' Showcase on Tuesday August 13 at 6.30pm in the Music Centre. This is open for any musicians who have original songs to perform but will also feature some of our Year 10 students who have been involved in I Heart Songwriting Club for the past couple of months. In this time, each student has written an impressive 10 new songs, and they'll each perform a couple of these at our showcase.

Secondly, our musicians will battle it out at our SPS Fest Band and Solo/Duo Competition on Friday August 16 from 3.30-7pm in the Walker Centre. The members of the winning band for the last couple years, Full Distortion, graduated in 2018 so the top prize is well and truly up for grabs! The Music Supporters' Group will also have food and drink available for purchase. Finalists for the competition will be announced on Monday at assembly and posted on our social media accounts shortly afterwards, so check Instagram and Facebook to see if your favourite musicians made it through!

To be involved in any of our SPS Fest activities, please contact Mrs Green.



BRISBANE SINGS!

Our choral students from Years 7-12 have been working hard for the past couple of months in preparation for our first Brisbane Sings! on Sunday August 18. This annual event brings together choirs from all over Brisbane to perform together in one enormous group of singers on the QPAC Concert Hall stage, and the sound is huge! There have been two combined rehearsals so far and the pieces sound wonderful... and we're sure the choreography will be just as great in another rehearsal or two...

Our Auditioned Choir will also be doing a piece on their own during the concert. Tickets are available on the QPAC website, and we encourage all parents and families of our singers to what is sure to be a brilliant night of music.



[Tickets are selling fast so CLICK HERE to book your tickets now!](#)

BRISBANE CITY BANDS FESTIVAL

St Paul's students entertained the crowds in the Queen Street Mall once again at the Brisbane City Bands Festival last Sunday. This is always a great event, and a lovely way to spend a Sunday. Thanks to all band directors and musicians for a wonderful afternoon of music.



MUSIC

ESSENTIALLY ELLINGTON

Big Band students are looking forward to this year's Essentially Ellington festival on Sunday August 11. This festival requires students to learn professional standard repertoire composed and arranged by Duke Ellington, arguably one of the most influential jazz musicians and composers in history, as well as other notable musicians. After performing these pieces for two eminent musicians from the Jazz at Lincoln Centre Orchestra (NY), Vincent Gardner and Jerome Jennings, the band will receive a private workshop with their adjudicator to work on the finer points of each piece.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our jazz students, who have worked very hard over the last couple of months to learn some difficult tunes.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Our Disco Fever Trivia Night was a big success, and a lot of fun! As you can see, there were some incredibly funky people who dressed up on the night, looking like they stepped out of 1976. Both secondary school musicians and parents had an excellent time, as evidenced by the huge smiles on everyone's faces...

In a fiercely contested competition, 'Blues Brothers Meets Disco Barbie' were the victors of the evening, while 'The Disco Infernos' only just missed out on the top spot by one point.

A huge thank you to our MC, Michael Wilson, who did a brilliant job of keeping things moving and testing our contestants in a wide variety of ways, including music trivia, general trivia and in some other less-conventional rounds including paper plane making!

As always, our Music Supporters' Group came out in force to help out in the lead up to the event and on the night, donating their time and energy to help raise funds for the Music students, and we very much appreciate all their hard work. A particular thank you, though, needs to go to Kathy Wright (mother of Pippi and Tim) and Ben Myers (father of Belle Smibert) for their organisation and great ideas. Many, many hours went into planning the event and our staff and students are very grateful for your efforts.

We'd also like to thank the following sponsors for donating prizes on the night;

- Belinda Ferguson Travel
- Simply Elegant Strathpine
- Simply for Strings
- Eatons A1 Driving School
- Bunnings Bald Hills
- Flight Centre Strathpine
- Bart Mellish MP (State Member for Aspley)
- Chemist Warehouse Bald Hills
- Peter Dutton MP Federal Member for Dickson
- Commonwealth Bank of Australia - School Banking Strathpine branch
- Planet Arcades Strathpine
- Officeworks Strathpine
- Dreamworld
- Ashmore Palms
- Village Motors North Lakes
- Flip Out Strathpine
- Orange Theory Fitness Aspley



The next trivia night will be at a (hopefully!) less busy time of the year in 2020 – in Term 1 – so we hope to see many of you come and support the MSG and the Music students by having an excellent night out in which you win all the glory you deserve!

MUSIC

IMPORTANT DATES

Please find a complete calendar of events via Parent Lounge or Student Cafe.

Pine Rivers Show (Red Shirt Choir, Junior School Choir, Year 4 Band, Junior Wind Band, Adagio Strings, Lento Strings)	2 August
Essentially Ellington - Marist College Ashgrove (Stage Band and Big Band)	11 August
SPS Fest Songwriters' Showcase	13 August
SPS Fest Band and Solo/Duo Competition	16 August
Brisbane Sings! (All Secondary Choral students)	18 August
Junior School Recital (For solo performers - please encourage your JS musicians to be involved in this!)	12 September

Even though it isn't until Term 4, another important date to note is Friday October 25 when we have our annual Con Brio event for all secondary school ensembles. More information about this will be available closer to the time.

PINE RIVERS SHOW

Adagio Strings and Year 4 Band performed today at the Pine Rivers Show. Both groups performed very well and represented the school admirably and had a little extra time to take in the sights of the show, including the showbag pavilion. Congratulations and thank you to Miss Hales and Mr Weal for helping our students sound so fantastic, and for supervising such an excited group of students at the show!

NEW SIGN-IN SYSTEM AT MUSIC RECEPTION

From now on, students will be required to sign-in at Music using their student ID card/students ID number on the new computerised system when they attend their instrumental Music lessons. This is to ensure that anyone in the school is able to know where students are at all times. Music Tutors will use the system to sign Junior School students in when they have their lessons. (Students do not need to sign in for classroom Music or ensemble rehearsal as teachers already take a roll at the beginning of both of these activities.)

IMPORTANT WEBSITE ANNOUNCEMENT

Unfortunately, we still do not have a fully functioning Music website, though we are in the process of building one. In the meantime, all performance information is available via the main School website, by clicking 'Quick Links' on the top right of the homepage, then 'Music' and 'Music Performance Schedule'. This is updated regularly. There is also information on our St Paul's Music Facebook page, on Instagram @musiccps and in the Music section of the online School newsletter.

SPORT

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who attended last week's Athletics Carnival. It was a huge two days of sport, and we were pleased to see so many students participating and helping out on the day.

Congratulations to Taja who won the Spirit award, and Gladius who won overall.

Tim Hughes
Head of Sport Development



CONGRATULATIONS, KRISTINA!

Congratulations to Kristina Puzaras (Year 7) who was selected to represent Queensland at the School Sport Australia National Football Championships!

Last week Kristina participated in the 10-12 Football State Championships for Met North. The Met North girls team won the competition and Kristina was selected as a QLD State Player to head Canberra from the 25 – 30 August 2019.

Later in the year Kristina will travel to Barcelona, Spain to play football at an international level.

Well done, Kristina!



GENERAL NEWS & NOTICES

CAIO'S GOT TALENT!

On Monday night Caio McDonald (Year 4) performed on Australia's Got Talent!

Caio and his dance crew, FunSize, are also heading to the International Hip Hop Championships later this year.

We're very proud of his achievements, and wish him and the team all the best!



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual statewide initiative for state and non-state schools. The Premier's Reading Challenge aims to improve literacy and encourage children to read for pleasure and learning.

St Paul's students from Prep to Year 9 are invited to be a part of the Premier's Reading Challenge this year

- Students will be required to read a certain number of books between now and 23rd August. Students in Prep to Year 4 will need to read 20 books; students in Years 5 – 9 are asked to read 15.
- Students in Junior School will be participating in the program via their Library lessons. Year 7 – 9 students can access a reading record sheet from their English teacher, or from the Secondary Library.
- Students who complete the challenge will have their efforts recognised through the receipt of a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier of Queensland (and JS students will also be featured on our Super Readers wall in the JS Library!).
- Students are encouraged to read a range of fiction and non-fiction titles (and these can be in languages other than English), and to record their reading by title on a Reader Record Form. While there is no compulsory reading list for the challenge, booklists are available to help students, teachers, parents and guardians select appropriate reading material. Book lists can be found here: <https://readingchallenge.education.qld.gov.au/about/booklists>

Mrs Judy Bolton
Head of Information Services

KOALA CORRIDOR PROFILED IN ANGLICAN FOCUS MAGAZINE

An article written by various members of the Service Learning team, as well as the Junior School Ecomarines, was published in this month's Anglican Focus Magazine.

You can read the full article [HERE](#).

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St Paul's 'koala corridor'

NEWS

Find out how St Paul's School students are helping to save koala populations by planting a 'koala corridor' of trees



St Paul's Year 10 students Madeline Finney, Hannah Howell and Olivia Sofia, who are members of St Paul's Service Learning Committee, on a tree planting day

Samuel Deoji

Ben Hering

Chantelle Jackson

GENERAL NEWS & NOTICES

BUNYA BUS (PRIVATE BUS SERVICE)

Due to demand we are increasing capacity on our dedicated St Paul's Bunya bus service from 33 to 53 seats, taking effect Monday 29 July 2019.

For further information on this Brisbane Bus Lines operated service, please see our website [HERE](#).

SCHOOL FEES

To set up Direct Debit on your fees account, please contact the Accounts team.

Thank you.

Sonya Erhart
Fees Administrator



YMCA

At YMCA OSHC St Paul's, we are excited to introduce our new Coordinator Ravinder Kaur. Ravinder has been part of YMCA for nearly two years now. Children and families are her focus and she believes if you are a happy and optimistic person nothing is unachievable.

Following some administrative changes, we are excited to announce Dani Leary as our new Educational Leader for the service. 'The Educational Leader in children's education and care services has an influential role in inspiring, motivating, affirming and also challenging or extending the practice and pedagogy of educators. The role is a collaborative endeavour involving inquiry and reflection, which can significantly impact on the important work educators do with children and families' (ACECQA). As a part of this role she will be in charge of the program for both the pre-prep and school age children.

We are looking forward to the new changes in the coming weeks as our program is currently being reviewed. We hope to focus more on outdoor play, encouraging children to interact with one another and engaging more in planned, spontaneous and child centred activities. Additionally, we have made some minor changes to the before and after school care menus, introducing more healthy alternatives for all children to enjoy. It's an exciting time for us all here at YMCA and we would love to hear your suggestions or feedback for our program and menu.

We'd like to leave you with this quote:

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."

If you would like to see our service, we invite you to make time with us to visit through emailing us at asp@ymcabrisbane.org or we are always available on School Open Mornings for you to tour our service.

We hope you come join us soon.

Ravinder and the YMCA St Paul's Team

WELLBEING CENTRE

COUNSELLING

As many of you would know, in the past, both School Counsellors have worked with all students from Pre-Prep through to Year 12 including personal and careers counselling. In Semester 2, Counselling is trialling a new way of working.

Ms Amanda Pashen, who is continuing in Ken McDonald's role during his extended absence for Term 3, will be working with all Pre-Prep to Year 8 students who are referred to counselling. Mrs Karen Semple will be working with all students in Years 9 to Year 12 for personal and careers counselling including QTAC and SET Planning. The counsellors will do a handover of current students engaged with Counselling to ensure a smooth transition.

We are confident that this new system will ensure a more efficient counselling service across the school.

Mrs Karen Semple and Ms Amanda Pashen
School Counsellors

HELPFUL CONTACTS

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

QTAC INFORMATION EVENING

The School Counsellors have organised a Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) Information Evening for all Year 12 students and parents/carers.

Event details are as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, 6 August

TIME: 6pm

VENUE: Chapel

Topics covered will include:

- The application process
- Tertiary studies in Queensland
- Upgrading pathways for Year 12 students
- Course providers

QTAC | CHOOSE
THE FUTURE

The Counsellors have also set aside time between 12 and 26 August for one-on-one appointments to assist students with any queries they may have regarding their QTAC application/preferences or provide advice if they are unsure of their post Year 12 options or choices. Students can make an appointment after the Information Evening by contacting Mrs Harding either by email at r.harding@stpauls.qld.edu.au or by coming in to Counselling Reception, ground floor, Wellbeing Centre.

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 here to access the latest Career News.](#)

Career information is also available on the St Paul's School Careers website, [click here.](#)

DATE CLAIMERS

Term 3 is when most Universities have open days where they encourage students and families to visit their campuses and talk to people from different faculties. This is also an excellent opportunity to find out about different courses and speak to the experts! Please find a list of open days outlined below.

University of the Sunshine Coast	Caboolture Campus	4 August
University of Southern Queensland	Toowoomba	18 August
	Ipswich	24 August
Griffith University	ALL Campuses (Nathan, Gold Coast & South Bank)	11 August
University of Queensland	St Lucia	4 August
	Gatton	18 August

USEFUL CAREERS WEBSITE

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

FREE ONLINE CYBER-SAFETY COURSES

The course will help parents and caregivers feel confident parenting in the digital age. The course will give you tools to help create a safe and balanced online experience for your family.

The course is aimed for all ages and covers practical tips on:

- Cyberbullying
- Social Media
- Gaming
- Prefatory behaviour
- Digital footprint
- Sexting
- Legal responsibilities

To access, please log into
Parent Lounge and click on
School Links.

SUPPORTER GROUPS



FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS GROUP

The Football Supporters Group is a small group of committee members/helpers, trying to enhance the culture within the school's Football community. Please come along to the next general meeting, bring a friend, so we as a group can share the load. Our next FSG meeting is Monday 12th August - 7pm in the School Library.

If you are unable to make the meeting or have any queries please direct them to fsgpresident@spssa.org.au

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Peter Deane
FSG Vice-President



TOUCH FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS GROUP

We would like to invite all parents to our third Touch Football Supporter's Group meeting on Wednesday the 21st August at 6.30pm in the library. If your child is playing touch football in Term 3 this year this is a great opportunity to learn more about the 2019 season and meet other parents.

We would love to see some new faces join our small but enthusiastic supporters' group as general committee members. Hope to see you all there!

Touch Football Supporters Group