



## FROM THE HEADMASTER



### THE MOST IMPORTANT ASSET

Towards the end of our child's formal school education, many of us have changed our view of what education is all about. As exam time looms and decisions have to be made on the QTAC application form (Tertiary Admissions), the sole focus becomes results that can be measured.

There is an adage which says we value what we measure and measure what we value. However, not all that is good can be measured. All of us would agree that love is the most important thing, but you cannot measure how much love a person has for another (to the moon and back perhaps?)

It is sad that education today is limited by a number. Talk about "evidence-based" practices abound, as if an education worth having is solely about academic performance.

Let me make it clear that academic performance is important. I believe this strongly and academic results are a key focus of our School's culture.

However, academic results are not the sole aspect of a good education. One of the best indicators of a person's success in life is resilience; their ability to bounce back from adversity, failure, disappointment. The development of resilience is at least as important as academic results. And given the challenges facing our students due to digital disruption in the years ahead, perhaps resilience is in fact even more important.

Scott Peck's opening line in his most famous work, *The Road Less Travelled*, says, "Life is difficult". He states this as a matter of fact, not as a pessimist. He goes on to say that we only grow and experience what it means to be fully human if we have the courage and resilience to work through adversity. He is harsher to those who shy away from the tough times, seeking ways to avoid them instead.

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I fear, and so do many of my colleagues from schools across Brisbane and the rest of Australia, that we are seeing a decline in resilience in the general population. Perhaps the rise in anxiety and mental illness that we are also seeing is not a coincidence?

An education worth having is one that focuses not just on a child's academic performance, but the development of their character and traits that will help them live a life of flourishing. Our camping programs, many aspects of our curriculum, our Realms of Thinking, all have a focus on developing resilience in children.

The greatest educational outcomes are achieved when the School and family are working in harmony with each other. As parents, you can support the development of resilience. It is okay to say "no" to a child; children value boundaries and structure. It is okay for a child to experience disappointment. It is okay to experience failure. If your child does fail, don't let them give up, or do the work for them, encourage them to try again, not unlike you did when they were learning to ride a bike and fell off for the first 10 or 15 times.

The reality is that resilience, like love, cannot be measured. However, this does not mean it is any less important than academic performance. Perhaps what we cannot measure are actually the most important things in life.

**DR PAUL BROWNING  
HEADMASTER**



## 2018 PARENT SURVEY

Each year we seek feedback about the school via a *parent engagement survey*. Your feedback helps us to further improve what we do at St Paul's School for your children.

Examples of recent improvements made as a result of your feedback include: the introduction of a Choose Your Own Device (CYOD) laptop program; and, upgrades to the school's website and changes to the way we communicate with you.

We would love to hear from you again this year. As such, here is a link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2JGJJJQ>

# SECONDARY SCHOOL

## IMPORTANT DATES

Please see important dates for Term 2 to the right.

More details can be found in the School Calendar, which is accessible via Parent Lounge.

Activity	Date
<b>TERM 2</b>	
Year 11 RYDA Road Safety Program	Tuesday 19 June
Last day of term	Friday 22 June
Winter holidays	Saturday 23 June – Monday 16 July
Year 7-11 Parent/teacher interviews (Student free day)	Monday 16 July
<b>TERM 3</b>	
First day of Term 3	Tuesday 17 July
Year 9 & 10 Information evening (Subject Market)	Wednesday 25 July
Inter-House Athletics Carnival	Thursday 26 July
Year 12 QTAC evening	Monday 30 July
Year 10 SET Plan Interviews	Tues 31 July & Wed 1 August
Year 9 GCC Meetings	Wednesday 1 August
Year 10 GCC Meetings	Thursday 9 August
Year 9 Camp	Tues 7 – Fri 10 August
Year 10 Camp	Tues 21 – Fri 24 August

## QUT RESEARCH SURVEY – YEARS 10 & 11



For the last three years, St Paul's has participated in a QUT Research Survey about alcohol and other substance use in adolescents. QUT researchers have tracked cohorts through their "middle school years" in a range of schools, and wish to extend the study for another three years. This would involve our current Year 10 and 11 students.

Parents can read more information and discover the "opt-out" process in an email sent home this week. For more information, please contact Mr Paul Sullivan (Director of Operations) [p.sullivan@stpauls.qld.edu.au](mailto:p.sullivan@stpauls.qld.edu.au)

# SECONDARY SCHOOL

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING UPDATE

### ALTITUDE DAY

Altitude Day is an experience open to Year 9 student leaders from across south-east Queensland facilitated by the Ylead group. This year the venue was the Brisbane City Council Chambers and the concert hall was packed with over 800 students from across the city. St Paul's were represented on the day by 33 of our best and brightest Year 9 student leaders. They joined by students from over 40 other schools at the event, providing our young leaders a tremendous opportunity to network and establish connections with motivated, talented students from across the city.

St Paul's has had an excellent partnership with the Ylead organization through our ongoing commitment to Altitude Day, but also through leadership training days conducted across the Secondary school by Ylead facilitators. St Paul's has been sending students to this event for the past eight years and many of the students who have attended Altitude Day have gone on to become high achieving School leaders in their Senior Year.

The day is comprised of a series of inspirational presentations from a diverse range of motivational speakers. The students are given a simple framework by the Ylead presenters which they can use to structure their own goals and future planning. This framework is then brought to life through guest speakers from a diverse range of backgrounds who share their own personal journeys. Their stories provide the students with concrete examples of young people who have overcome setbacks to follow a passion, and that passion is often in the area of social justice and social entrepreneurialism. These are people who have made, and continue to make, significant contributions to their communities.

This type of experience can have a lasting and profound effect upon these optimistic and imaginative young minds and start to embed a strong sense of social justice and desire to work toward a more equitable and sustainable future. Hopefully, this will be the case for the 33 future leaders who attended from our community. They were fine ambassadors for our school at the event and came away positive and motivated ready to become agents of change.



**Mr Cameron Howes**  
Head of Experiential Learning Development



# JUNIOR SCHOOL

## CODE CAMP – THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

Code Camp is returning to St Paul's these school holidays!

Register your child today for three days of coding fun. Students from outside of St Paul's are welcome to attend.

See here for more details and to register: [www.codecamp.com.au/stpaul](http://www.codecamp.com.au/stpaul)



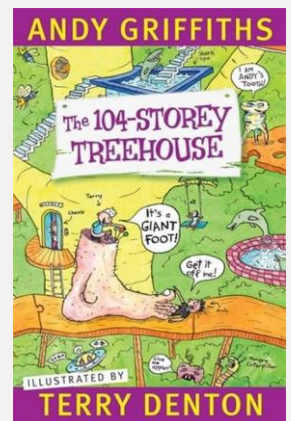
## AUTHOR VISIT – ANDY GRIFFITHS & TERRY DENTON

Renowned author and illustrator duo, Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton, will be visiting St Paul's!

Join Andy and Terry for two hours of stupendous fun in the new 104-Storey Treehouse. Be entertained by Terry's terrific live illustrations and laugh out loud at Andy's tales of the 13 new levels that have been added, including a stupid-hat level, a refrigerator-throwing level and a deep-thoughts thinking room. For the ticket price of \$25 you'll get a signed copy of the new book and a photo opportunity with Andy and Terry! What are you waiting for? Come on up!

On Monday 16 July 2018 at 6:00pm.

Tickets are available [HERE](#).



## YEAR 2 HISTORY MUSEUM

Our Year 2 students proudly invited special guests and families to their Museum opening on Wednesday. The Museum is a culmination of an inquiry the students have undertaken over the semester where they have investigated and compared items from the past and present, and examined how changing technology has affected people. In their Immersion Study Time (IST), students used their Realms thinking to build a prototype of how an everyday object might look in the future.

The Museum comprises three focus displays: the Past, the Present and the Future. The students have written information reports, drawn careful representational drawings and collected evidence in video interviews to develop their understanding of the past. Then, our display of the Present used 'cutting edge' green screen technology to create video presentations by the students which were accessed by museum patrons on their smart phones and devices. Finally, our visitors toured the Future prototype displays to gain some insight into how our telephones, cars, computers and even washing machines may look in the future!



# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## SPS HOMESTAY MOCKTAIL EVENING WITH HOSPITALITY STUDENTS

St Paul's School Homestay providers were treated to an evening Mocktail event arranged by the Hospitality Studies Learning Area and hosted by students in Year 11 and Year 12. Tuesday 8 May 2018 was wild, wet and windy and worries about this semi-outdoor event increased steadily during the day. However, the evening began with a welcome burst of sunshine. This provided the Year 12 students with perfect conditions to show off their front of house skills, serving delicious, hot finger foods and making glamorous mocktails to order. The back of house duties, including cooking, were completed by the Year 11 students.

Hospitality Studies is a popular subject. Here are some of our Year 12 International Students in action on the night:



LI Yongcong (Malik)      HAU Yin Chuk (Hailey)      CHOW Hoi Ching (Nerissa)      GE Shuhan (Alina)

The majority of the International Students at SPS are here without their families and the School's Homestay providers fill this gap by offering more than just board and lodging. Homestay is a home-away-from-home! Not only do Homestay providers open their homes to our overseas students but also welcome them into their families, providing a warm and friendly environment to help the students settle into all aspects of their new life in Australia.



Three of our many wonderful Homestay providers enjoying a chat together over some colourful, exotic mocktails.



Homestay Coordinator, Bec Daly (left), enjoying the evening with a valued Homestay provider.

**Terese Reese**  
Head of Studies International School

# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## SPIS AND THE ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE



Earlier this year HSP Class Red helped to make a quilt that was donated to the RFDS. Ms Styles and the students created doodles on pieces of fabric and then these were sewn together into a quilt by Ms Judy Cribb in Toowoomba. The quilt was then donated to the RFDS. One of the Flight Nurses based at the Charleville RFDS base is Di Dowrick. She enjoys giving the donated quilts to child patients when they fly with the RFDS.

RFDS employs pilots, doctors and registered nurses to fly sick or injured people from all sorts of places to hospitals or transfer patients from small or isolated towns to bigger tertiary hospitals in places like Toowoomba, Rockhampton and Brisbane.

HSP Class Red enjoyed making the quilt and thank everyone who helped them complete it.

**Sofie Arnold**  
ESL Teacher

# SPORT

## SPORTS SNIPPETS

### TERM 2 SPORT WRAP-UP

As the Term 2 sporting season comes to its conclusion this weekend, we can reflect upon what has been an extremely busy and successful season. The finals this week sees St Paul's competing for 8 premierships across this term's sports. Firsts and Seconds Netball, Year 8B and Year 7A Netball, Year 9 Rugby, Seconds Tennis and Year 8 and Year 9 Tennis, are all playing for the honour of premierships this weekend. The SPS Green Netball team have already been awarded a premiership and both the Firsts and Year 10 Rugby were very unlucky to miss out on a premiership game berth with only bonus points making the difference. The improvement in Hockey is not to go unnoticed with a significant improvement throughout the season, resulting in many of teams moving up the ladder as the season progressed.

Term 2 also saw a very hectic Cross Country season with St Paul's hosting both the Met-North and TAS Championships. The Met-North event had some fine individual results with both Hayley Dean and Chloe McLennan featuring in 2nd place, gaining selection into the team who will compete at the State Championships. Kyle Willis also represented St Paul's with distinction, winning his category and also gaining entry into the State Championships.

There were some outstanding individual and team performances at the TAS Carnival with our 14yrs Girls team coming away with 1st place in their division. Chloe McLennan continued her dominance in TAS competition winning the 16yrs Girls race with other strong performances from Yubo Hahn, Rohan Platts and Hayley Dean who all finished in 2nd place in their respective races. Although St Paul's didn't place any higher than last year, the commitment from the students has lifted and continued improvement will undoubtedly see St Paul's feature near the top in upcoming years.

### REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Outside of our regular TAS commitments we have had a number of students gain selection in a variety of representative teams. This is a very notable achievement and something that is a great reflection to an individual's dedication and commitment to their chosen sport. St Paul's would like to congratulate you on your selection.

#### METROPOLITAN-NORTH

<b>Squash</b>	Kate Payne	<b>Netball</b>	Jasmine Barnet
<b>AFL</b>	Taneasha Pollard Lucia Liessi	<b>Basketball</b>	Georgia Wooley Kelsey Wooley
<b>Baseball</b>	Jesse Vankan	<b>Cross Country</b>	Kyle Willis Hayley Dean Chloe McLennan

#### QUEENSLAND TEAM SELECTION

Lucia Liessi was selected to represent QLD in AFL after her outstanding performance at the recent State Championships

Kyffin Williams has been selected as part of the U15 QLD Dolphins team who will be part of the International Boys and Youth tournament in Beijing.

Georgia Wooley earlier this year was selected as a bottom age player to represent QLD at the National Basketball Championships. Making any QLD team is any outstanding achievement but to do this as a bottom age player is even more noteworthy.



# SPORT

## AUSTRALIAN TEAM SELECTION

Chloe McLennan has recently been competing in a variety of Triathlon competitions over the last few months. As a result of her outstanding performances she has been selected to be part of the Australian Triathlon team who will compete at the World Championships. This is the culmination of many hours of hard work and training and is a just reward for Chloe's efforts. Congratulations on this amazing accomplishment.

Charlize Andrews has again gained selection in the Australian Water Polo team for the second year in a row. Not only she gain national selection, she was also awarded the Most Valuable Player of the tournament at the recent National Championships. This is an absolutely amazing achievement by this young lady who continues to excel in the sport of Water Polo.

**Mr Tim Hughes**  
**Head of Sport Developmen**

# MUSIC

## 2018 SOLO COMPETITION

Congratulations to all of our Round 2 performers. It was a hotly contested two evenings of performances, but in the end our adjudicator, Dr Robert Davidson, had to make a call and award places to the following musicians;

Instrument group	Middle Years	Senior School
STRINGS	1st Belle Smibert 2nd Ella Newton 3rd Ben Hering	1st Achintya Sajeendran 2nd Gowri Manesh 3rd Alex Harper
PERCUSSION/GUITAR	1st Josh Crawford 2nd Tim Buchanan 3rd Hayden Younger	1st Tim Wright 2nd Harry Lee 3rd Joshua Mellor
PIANO	1st Sasha Tomas 2nd Gabrielle Munt 3rd Zara Narayan	1st Ebony Riley 2nd Zackary Keleher 3rd Simeon Gover
VOICE	1st Katelyn Uebel 2nd Grace Spinks 3rd Cheyenna Davidson-Collins	1st Claire Bignell 2nd Naomi Phillips 3rd Gracie Manderson
WOODWIND	1st Mitchell Weis 2nd Liana Sadumiano 3rd Sophie Pitstock	1st Adrian Ricablanca 2nd Ethan Marston 3rd Elliot Nutter
BRASS	1st Callum Heard 2nd Michael Alletsee 3rd Liam McGregor	1st Jackie Bulluss 2nd Teague Norbert 3rd Misha Kokoschko

Out of around 80 performers in Round 2, the musicians who have been successful in going through to the Solo Competition Final at Sandgate Town Hall on Friday June 22 are below;

Middle Years	Senior Years
Sophie Pitstock	Tim Wright
Belle Smibert	Harry Lee
Ella Newton	Josh Mellor
Ben Hering	Ebony Riley
Josh Crawford	Zackary Keleher
Tim Buchanan	Claire Bignell
Sasha Thomas	Naomi Phillips
Katelyn Uebel	Jackie Bulluss
Grace Spinks	Teague Norbert
Callum Heard	Mischa Kockoschko
Michael Alletsee	Adrian Ricablanca
Liam McGregor	Ethan Marston
Mitchell Weis	Elliot Nutter
Liana Sadumiano	Achintya Sajeendran
	Gowri Manesh
	Alexandra Harper



The final is judged in the Middle Years and Senior School sections only, not in instrument groups like Round 2. The last two years of competition have been incredible, and we can't wait to hear our musicians perform at the end of the term. Good luck with your practising!

# MUSIC

## YEAR 10 – SONIC HIGHWAYS: BRISBANE LAUNCH PARTY!

This semester in Year 10 Music, students have been on an epic adventure through Brisbane music history (in the style of Dave Grohl's (Nirvana drummer and Foo Fighters frontman) Sonic Highways series of documentaries on American music by location). They've visited such iconic venues as The Zoo, The Triffid and the Brisbane Jazz Club, had a tour of local radio station 4zzz, and met well known musicians such as John Collins from Powderfinger, Michael Butler from Sheppard and Michael Richards (Mikey) from Violent Soho. They've had a workshop about what it's like to be an up-and-coming musician in the Brisbane music scene from Erin Fitzsimon (Inigo) and learned to play a heap of great Brisbane music.

Part of their assessment was to create a short documentary on any aspect of the Brisbane music industry that interested them and, in doing so, interview an important member of the music community. Students created documentaries on such topics as the Queensland Music Festival, Women in Voice, local band Cub Sport, jazz education in Brisbane, and the life of a musical pit musician.

Last night we had a brilliant Launch Party to celebrate all the work that students have done this semester. After we viewed the documentaries, Year 10 students gave a rockin' performance of original music by Brisbane artists. Congratulations to all students for a wonderful night, and for being so rad all semester.



# MUSIC

## ON THE HORIZON

There are still a number of events to go for the rest of this term, and next term is already shaping up to be a busy one! Please keep these dates in your diary and check the St Paul's Music website for the most up-to-date information.

As always, please like our St Paul's Music Facebook page, follow us on Instagram (@musicps) and keep up to date with Music happenings by visiting the Music website – [www.stpaulsmusic.com.au](http://www.stpaulsmusic.com.au)

**Mrs Kellee Green**  
Head of Music

Activity/event	Date
Year 2 Strings End of Semester Concert – Music Department	Monday 18 June
Solo Competition final – Sandgate Town Hall	Friday 22 June
Brisbane City Bands Festival (numerous ensembles – check the website) – Queen Street Mall	Sunday 29 July
Choral High Tea – Sandgate Town Hall	Saturday 11 August
Essentially Ellington Big Band Festival – Marist College Ashgrove	Thursday 23 August
Seussical Jr! – Junior School Production	Fri 24 Aug / Sat 25 Aug
Junior Ensembles Concert	Sun 9 September



**ST PAUL'S MUSIC**  
**SOLO COMPETITION**  
**2018**

**ROUND ONE**

- WEDNESDAY 23 MAY > STRINGS
- THURSDAY 24 MAY > BRASS
- FRIDAY 25 MAY > WOODWIND
- MONDAY 28 MAY > PIANO
- TUESDAY 29 MAY > VOICE
- WEDNESDAY 30 MAY > GUITAR & PERCUSSION

**ROUND TWO**

- MONDAY 4 JUNE > PIANO, PERCUSSION, GUITAR AND VOCALISTS
- TUESDAY 5 JUNE > STRINGS, BRASS AND WOODWIND

**FINAL**

- FRIDAY 22 JUNE > SANDGATE TOWN HALL

# GENERAL NEWS & NOTICES

## BLAZER EMBELLISHMENTS

Blazers for embellishment need to be dropped to the Retail Shop by **Monday 18 June, 4pm.**

**Helen Brand**  
Retail Shop Convenor

## 2018 & 2019 TERM DATES

2018 Term Dates can be found on our website [HERE](#).

Term Dates for 2019 (Tentative) are also available via the link above. These are subject to final confirmation.

## RETAIL SHOP

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

For a list of 2018 uniform requirements, see [HERE](#).

# WELLBEING CENTRE

## COUNSELLING

*"Why does my child behave well for others, but not for me?"*

This is a common question many parents ask. It's frustrating!

I remember my primary school-aged children having very poor table manners at home, yet after sleep-overs and visits with friends we were always complimented for having children with beautiful manners.

*"They showed my kids a thing or two about manners,"* was the type of comment we received.

When one daughter was thirteen, she barely had a civil word for anyone who lived under the same roof as her. Yet following a weekend staying at a friend's house, the supervising parents remarked how communicative she was with them.

"What do you do get such a lovely teenager?" our friend asked. "Send her to you!" was my reply!

So why do kids behave well for others and save their worst behaviour for their parents? It's simple really.....*because you love them.*

The above article is written by Michael Grose. Read more [HERE](#).

**Ken McDonald, Karen Semple & Rexina Harding**  
Counselling Team

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Helpful contacts:

*Beyond Blue  
Kids Helpline*

1300 22 4636  
1800 55 1800

*Lifeline  
Youth Beyond Blue*

13 11 14  
<http://www.youthbeyondblue.com/>

## USEFUL CAREERS WEBSITES

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

## 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.