



# St Paul's School

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Dear Parents

It has been an honour and privilege to serve as the Acting Chair of the St Paul's School Council this year. I never cease to be amazed by the achievements of our students both in and out of the School, and in my role as Acting Chair I have had many opportunities to visit the School and witness these achievements first hand.

As you are likely aware, our School continues to garner national acclaim for which I am very proud. Following our successes in the Australian Education Awards last year, this year we were honoured to be recognised as the Primary School of the Year – Non-Government, and the Australian School of the Year. This is a credit to the immense hard work of our students and teachers and it was wonderful to see their hard work and dedication recognised in such a wonderful way.

Much of this success is directly related to our pioneering work as an innovative organisation and perhaps the best example of our innovation on display is our Centre for Innovators and Entrepreneurs (CIE). This year the CIE provided students from Years 6 to 11 the opportunity to participate in a Design Led Venture in conjunction with The World's Biggest Garage Sale (WBGs). The students acted as Management Consultants and advised WBGs on how the organisation could improve its competitiveness. I understand that the CEO of that organisation stated that she was "in awe" of the work of our students. I encourage you to speak with your children about how they may get more involved with and take advantage of our CIE.

Beyond the classroom, our students again participated in a number of activities of enormous significance. Perhaps the most significant was a group of students, past students and teachers who undertook our first Kokoda trek, an experience we hope to repeat in future years. Another group also visited PNG as part of the Australian Government's initiative to establish school partnerships, and we look forward to welcoming teachers and students from our 'partner' school later in the year. World School was held in Romania this year, and the participating students had, in the words of one of the students, "an amazing experience". Students also visited New Zealand and Japan, and later in the year a group of History and Design students will head to Europe. Individually our students have achieved great things in a range of diverse activities including sport, show jumping and dance. We were also delighted to hear that a past student was awarded a major role in the stage production of Muriel's Wedding.

Rev Mark Leam again led the annual outreach trip to Vanuatu where our students spend time teaching primary school students and interacting with the villagers. Some of our students spoke to the School

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Council about their trip and we were moved to hear about their experiences. They told us about the generosity, kindness and community spirit of the villagers; and how they felt that despite our comparative wealth, the Vanuatians were richer in many ways. All spoke of the profound impact the experience had on them.

As usual at this time of the year, the School Council has had to consider the fees for the coming year. We remain acutely aware of the economic pressures that face our families and have strived to maintain a balance between keeping costs as low as possible while at the same time recognising the importance of providing an excellent education that will best prepare your children for the future. In 2020 our fees will need to increase by \$80 per term for Pre-Prep (Full time), \$40 per term for Pre-Prep (Part time), \$72.50 per term in the Junior School and \$92.50 per term in the Secondary School.

The 2020 domestic fees per student per annum will be:

Pre-Prep – Full Time (5 days per week)	\$12,520
Pre-Prep – Part Time (5 days per fortnight)	\$6,260
Junior School (Prep – Year 6)	\$11,780
Secondary School (Years 7-12)	\$14,920

Next year will see the final phase of the introduction of Choose Your Own Device (CYOD), and the IT levy for all secondary students (Years 7 – 12) will be \$400 per student per annum.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of School Council and Committees for freely offering their time and expertise for the benefit of the School, and to the Headmaster and his staff for their dedication to ensuring that St Paul's School is a place of excellence. We look forward to another eventful year in 2020, when the School will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Blessings to you and your family for a happy, safe and Holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely



Rev Lynda Johnson  
Acting Chair, School Council