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# ST PETER'S NEWS

CHALLENGING OUR STUDENTS THROUGH A FOCUS ON EXCELLENCE



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

As an authentic Catholic School, and part of Catholic Schools Broken Bay, we continually work on strengthening our Catholic culture and provide opportunities for our students and staff to grow in their own faith journeys. The first point in our College Mission Statement states, "At St Peter's we form young people in Catholic Discipleship" and so this is a significant part of what we do every day.

At the beginning of a new school year, it is a good time to remind ourselves what it means to be a Disciple of Christ and to explain everything that goes on at school to help our young people to discover and explore their spirituality, their faith and learn more about the Catholic teachings.

A Disciple of Christ, in simple terms, is a person who strives to be Christ-like in their actions, their thoughts and the way they treat those around them. The journey to discipleship involves learning about Christ, his life, and his purpose. However, a true disciple has more than just knowledge, they have a relationship with Christ and a desire for this relationship to grow stronger.

Each year at St Peter's we provide a range of opportunities to help students in their own spiritual journeys. Some of the opportunities provide learning and knowledge. However, many provide meaningful experiences for students that involve reflection, sharing and facilitate deepening faith and prayer life. Some of these opportunities include:

- Every Tuesday morning at 8am, Mass is said in our College Chapel. All students, staff and families are invited to join us for mass which is a beautiful way to give thanks for our family, friends, and the day we have in front of us.
- Each Wednesday one class from the College will go to Mass in the chapel. These masses are narrated so that students learn more about the mass, its format and purpose. It helps our young people understand why the mass is so significant for Catholics.

### Year 12 Retreat

This week our Year 12 students are away on retreat. These retreat days are important occasions where students have a chance to reflect on their life journey so far and evaluate the choices they have made and the goals they have set. They spend time getting to know their peers at a deeper level than maybe they did previously, and they share prayer and faith experiences. When students are asked about their retreat experience, one of the terms that come up a lot is belonging. Students say that they feel like they belong to this group of people and this school after being on a retreat experience.

As well as the year group retreats, St Peter's provides deeper experiences for those students who have identified a desire to take their faith journey further. Tomorrow a group of students are travelling to Canberra for 4 days to partake in the Catholic Schools Youth Ministry International (CSYMI) equipping school. This experience provides students with powerful prayer and sharing opportunities as well as targeted leadership skills.

### VENIO Retreat

The following weekend another group of students are heading off on our annual VENIO retreat. This experience is for those who are inquisitive about their faith and feel a need to learn more, or for those who are wanting to discover their faith for the first time. VENIO provides a safe and non-threatening space for this to occur in the company of a number of like-minded students from across our Diocese.

### World Youth Day Lisbon

This year nine of our students are traveling to Lisbon for World Youth Day in July. This is the ultimate pilgrimage of faith with hundreds of thousands of young people coming from all over the world to celebrate their Catholic faith. Over coming weeks our Pilgrims will join the other students from Broken Bay to commence a formation and preparation program to assist them in gaining the best experience from their 21-day pilgrimage through Italy and World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal.

It is evident that there is a lot happening in this area of the school. The purpose of outlining this today is to encourage families to talk to your children about becoming involved in some of the initiatives on offer. Every student is welcome to join the Youth Ministry Team. There are Youth Ministry activities running in every year group and Youth Ministry is the best way to find out about all the other initiatives and retreats that are available for students. Most students who have participated in Youth Ministry activities in some aspect report these to be the most memorable and meaningful times at school.

May God be with all our students on retreats over the next two weeks.

*Tim Hildebrandt*  
Principal



## WELLBEING @ ST PETER'S IN 2023

### Uniforms

Uniforms are strategy to support community spirit, and school pride. At St Peter's our uniforms are based on a business model and adheres to Work Health and Safety regulations protecting our students by reducing risk in practical classrooms like Science, TAS and the commercial kitchens.

Wearing the uniform correctly each day is the first expectation a student must meet when entering the school. Students who do not meet this expectation often do not meet behaviour expectations with the classroom or playground.

This means they do not start the day prepared to learn and can be disruptive in the classroom impacting the learning of others.

To assist students in meeting this basic expectation and equipping them with the mindset to be engaged in learning, any student not in correct uniform is referred to the Uniform Reflection Break 1 each day. Here we can ascertain whether the issue was forgetfulness, not having that part of the uniform due to financial constraint, or refusal to follow instruction.

Wearing the uniform correctly was a key point in the contract signed at enrolment and discussed in the enrolment interview. Any student involved in sport knows they wouldn't be allowed on the field or court if they are not correctly attired. Likewise for work. If you are having difficulty with attaining the uniform components, please contact me on [candice.little@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:candice.little@dbb.catholic.edu.au).

### Parent Wellbeing Presentations

The first of our Wellbeing Presentation will take place in Week 5 - Wednesday March 1st at 6:00pm-6:45pm and will be held online using Zoom. This Presentation is titled Working Effectively with You Child's School and will cover topics such as:



### Who to contact when having concerns with

- Attendance
- Mental health
- Social issues
- Learning concerns
- Family changes

### Processes within the school

- Early leavers
- Late arrivals
- Student who are sick at school
- Absences
- Holidays during the term
- Missed assessments

The link to the session is  
<https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/63634393998>

The session will be recorded and made available for later reference.

Keep flourishing

*Candice Little*  
Director of Wellbeing



## FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

### NAPLAN 2023 Information

It is that time of year when all NSW schools are organising for their students in Yr 3, 5, 7 & 9 to sit the NAPLAN tests. All Schools, Government and Independent, are required by the Federal Government to participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in Term 1. You will note that the dates for these tests is earlier than in previous years.

NAPLAN, which is a part of the National Assessment Program (NAP), is how Governments, Education Authorities and Schools can determine whether young Australians are reaching important educational goals

At St Peter's, the NAPLAN tests will be conducted on the following days as conveyed in the recent Compass post:

NAPLAN TEST	WEEK	DATE
<b>WRITING - 42 minutes</b> <b>Year 7 and Year 9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15 March</b>
Catch-up Writing test	7	16 March
<b>READING - 65 minutes</b> <b>Year 7 and Year 9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17 March</b>
Catch-up Reading tests	8	20 March
<b>LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS- 45 mins</b> <b>Year 7 and Year 9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>21 March</b>
Catch-up Language Convention tests	8	22 March
<b>NUMERACY- 65 mins</b> <b>Year 7 and Year 9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23 March</b>
Catch-up Numeracy tests	8	24 March
Final day for ALL CATCH-UP TESTS	9	27 March

All Year 7 and Year 9 students will need to have the correct NAPLAN lockdown browser installed on their BYO devices. Your support in ensuring your child has this browser installed well before the scheduled test dates is much appreciated.

More information is available here:

<https://nap.edu.au/naplan>,

including an information brochure for parents. There is also a public demonstration site, which allows students and parents to experiment with the new online NAPLAN test format:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

### PAT ( Progressive achievement testing)

Year 7, 9 and 10 - completed these tests in weeks 1 and 2 this term. This year's Year 8 students were tested at the end of last year.

The data from these tests will help us track student growth and provide us with insight in understanding where students are sitting in order for us to provide targeted learning experiences. <https://www.acer.org/au/pat/assessments>

### NESA - ALL MY OWN WORK

The modules for this must be completed prior to students being eligible for a Preliminary course enrolment. Students in Year 11 who have not completed these modules have been sent a reminder and are urged to complete them this week.

### NESA STUDENT ONLINE accounts

Students in Year 10, 11 and 12 are encouraged to create and activate their personalised NESA STUDENTS ONLINE accounts. This allows them to see the subjects for which they are enrolled and all results achieved in Year 10 and Year 11 so far. Students will need to know their NESA student number to generate their NESA account- they will need to see Mrs Haines if they do not know this number.

<https://studentsonline.nesa.nsw.edu.au>

### Minimum Standards Tests

Students need to have reached Minimum standards in READING, WRITING and NUMERACY prior to receiving their HSC. Students are given several opportunities in Years 10-12 to demonstrate this minimum standard. We will run the first of the Year 10 sessions later this term. Students in Year 11 who have still to demonstrate will also be given opportunities to sit the Minimum standards tests this term and throughout the year. Making sure that students have their own laptop with the correct browser for these tests will ensure students are in an optimal position to sit these tests.

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-minimum-standard>

### Year 11 Subject Changes

As we head into Week 4, most students in Year 11 should now have settled into their chosen and appropriate courses for the Preliminary course which run for Terms 1-3. Students are discouraged from making further changes at this late stage.

### Stage 5 Elective Changes

This year, a change in the way the elective courses are run has meant that students in Year 9 and 10 will study 2x100 hour courses. As part of this, most elective classes will have a combination of Year 9 and Year 10 students.

Over the last 3 weeks, numerous student requests for elective subject changes have been processed. We have done our best to accommodate all requests.

As of this week, no further changes to Stage 5 elective subjects will be processed unless there are significant wellbeing concerns.

*Sandra Haines*  
Director of Studies



## STAGE 4 NEWS - YEAR 7 ARE SETTLING IN NICELY

Weeks 1, 2 and 3 of 2023 are now complete and Year 7 seem to be settling into their new high school life. A reminder to return Camp notes as they are now overdue and with 209 students there is an immense amount of paperwork to do in preparation for this.

### Mr Brosnan on leave from Week 5

Mrs Susan Briggs will be the Acting Leader of Wellbeing for Year 7 from Week 5 as Mr Brosnan will be taking a well deserved break. Any concerns about your child during these weeks should be directed to [susan.briggs@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:susan.briggs@dbb.catholic.edu.au) and will be attended to as soon as time permits.

### Student Insights

New favourite subjects are emerging and long-term friendships are developing amongst the Year 7 cohort. To venture into the minds of these students, and to see how they are embracing St Peter's, over the next few newsletters we will publish some insights from some students of how they see their first weeks at their new high school.

Our first reflection is from:

Alice P from 7 Vincent 2:

#### Week One

Everyone is racing around me with their school friends, meanwhile I sit at Karinya waiting for my friend to meet me there.

*I used to be so comfortable at my old school if my friends weren't there, but it feels strange needing people around me. High school is very different, I used to be the big fish in a small pond, now I am a small fish in a big pond.*

#### Week Two

My friend group has been established, my confidence is growing, and the school is a bit more welcoming, it feels good to know that everyone is starting a new year, not just us.

The relationships with my friends become different as everyone is making new friends. I've been needing my parents to help me with everything I should say to my friends, which I haven't needed before. Mum said: It was just like when I first started pre-school, when I needed to decide who I did and didn't like, who I should and shouldn't put my energy into. Being independent is difficult when you don't want to get anything wrong and make big mistakes.

#### Week Three

Things have settled down a lot now, and friendships become more and more established, in fact new friendships have grown and blossomed. Getting to classes is a lot easier, especially when you have people to walk to class with. I know most of the people in my classes and look forward to learning with them. The opportunities given to me in my classes are great, and I enjoy using my skills at home to make things, like with my sewing machine with my sewing skills I have gained from textiles.

#### Week Four

Although it feels like we belong some older students still try to scare us, but we just play it off cool. While I am thinking I'm pretty sure this was you last year!

Being familiar with what is right and wrong, where we can and can't go, who we should or shouldn't be around is very helpful. I am excited to continue pursuing excellence and go on excursions and meeting new people."

Until next fortnight

*Tony Brosnan and Sue Briggs*



## STAGE 5 NEWS - WELCOME BACK YEAR 9!

### Homeroom 2023

This year our homeroom groups have kicked off with a focus on embracing pride and respect in ourselves and our faith. Year 9 have been coming to school showing great pride in their uniform and demonstrating a positive outlook in their appearance. It's been great to see and we encourage students to keep this up.

We also welcome back our homeroom teachers. If you need to get in contact with your child's homeroom teacher regarding attendance or any other issue they are:

- 9 Benedict 1 - Mr Ian Judge
- 9 Benedict 2 - Mr Blake Richardson
- 9 Francis 1 - Mrs Jenni Dowdell
- 9 Francis 2 - Mr Mitchell Crynes
- 9 Patrick 1 - Mrs Kellie-Marie McDonald
- 9 Patrick 2 - Mr Luke Diviney
- 9 Vincent 1 - Mrs Rebecca Lyons
- 9 Vincent 2 - Mrs Annette McLean

### Bullying No Way

In 2022, our students participated in Bullying No Way Day where they had the opportunity to hear about the impact of bullying from the perspective of our staff here at St. Peter's who shared their personal experiences around bullying and provided an incredible insight into the damage it causes over time. Along with this they were also able to talk to our Senior Student Leaders in a smaller group capacity and have their voices heard.

Due to the success of last year, we will be running a similar seminar style session on 18 March this year. We hope that Year 9 will once again sign the No Bullying Pledge and embrace the goal of getting bullying down to zero.

### PAT Testing

Progressive Achievement Tests are a series of tests designed to provide objective, norm-referenced information to teachers about their students' skills and understandings in a range of key areas.

ACER'S Progressive Achievement approach is used in thousands of schools in Australia and around the world. The approach focuses on assessing and monitoring student growth over time and is underpinned by an understanding that students of the same age, and in the same year of school, can be at very different points in their learning development.

Year 9 will be sitting the PAT test this week. These tests are to inform the teachers about how to improve students' skills and understandings and the results are not reflected in the students' marks or reports. They will be on: Tuesday Period 3, Wednesday Period 3 and Friday Period 1.

All students will need to have their laptops fully charged and ready to use for this period each day.

### Extra-Curricular Opportunities

This year there will be many opportunities for Year 9 to embrace their learning and pursue excellence beyond that of the classroom. The St Peter's Student Representative Council is back up and running this year and they meet in the library on Mondays in Break 1; they are still looking for more members so if you're interested go and join. Mr Little and Mr Hawkins are working behind the scenes with sporting teams throughout the year. Students are encouraged to check the notices on Compass to keep up to date with these as they unfold.

On top of these we also have camp running in Term 3. This year students will have the option of choosing between three different locations: Wee Jasper, Surf Camp and Lake Burrendong. More details and information regarding these will come throughout the year and we will communicate this information home as well as we get closer to the date.

### Healthy Young Minds

Mr Lomax and Mrs Bailey have been working behind the scenes to get a 'Healthy Young Minds' Incursion up and running this term. Starting from Monday 27 February and continuing every Monday after that for 6 weeks, Year 9 will be engaging in two different Wellbeing Programs, specifically designed for boys and girls.

The "Healthy Young Men" program will cover mental health, coping strategies, respect and good leadership and what it means to be a young man in society today.

While "Girl Squad" will delve into ideas of identity and independence, positive relationships with self and others, goals and celebrating success.

These Wellbeing programs will be run by external facilitators and are a great opportunity for Year 9 to learn about themselves in a way that is catered specifically for them.

### Success!

The Year 9 Textiles students have had a great start to the year in their electives. They are demonstrating their creativity and spreading the word about how good the class is and the class is quickly filling up.

They have been working on tote bags to take on our excursion to spotlight when we purchase fabrics for our first assessment task. I look forward to seeing what they students design and bring to life throughout the year - Mrs O'Keeffe

### Important Dates

- 1 March - Swimming Carnival
- 2 March - Ash Wednesday
- 14 March - 18 March: Bullying No Way Week
- 18 March - Bullying No Way Day
- 22 March - School Cross Country

*Czesław Ławicki and Jessica Moroney*



## STAGE 6 NEWS - FOCUS ON RETREATS AND MOVING FORWARD

I wish to begin this newsletter by thanking students for their welcoming spirit and maturity as new students join the cohort. It has been wonderful to see groups expanding their friendships and creating an inclusive and fun environment.

As we move through Week 4, I would like to remind students that assessment notifications will begin to be distributed across a range of subjects. Students are encouraged to begin planning their time and take note of when assessments are due in order to prepare effectively. Allow ample time to read the assessment and ensure a discussion takes place on any details not understood with the subject teacher.

Furthermore, students who wish to further plan out their preliminary assessment schedule can do by browsing their news feed for a pinned post which directs them to all preliminary and HSC course assessment schedule for Year 11 and 12.

### Year 12 Retreat

As the beginning of Week 4 passes, we farewell Year 12 on their final school retreat to Mulgoa. Students will spend three days at Mulgoa developing their faith through a range of activities with the RE staff.

Students will also participate in a range of activities that look to build positive relationships with existing and new friends. We wish Year 12 a great retreat and look forward to hearing all about all stories from retreat.

### Australian Defence Force Visits St Peters

Recently the Australian Defence Force spoke to Year 12 about the wide variety of opportunities for students within the organisations. They discussed a range of different career opportunities from Gap Year to University degrees which piqued the curiosity for most students. Students engaged in conversation and asked intelligent questions that helped assess the opportunities that Australian Defence Force could offer them. Overall, it was a successful presentation that broadened the scope of job opportunities for all students.

### Year 12 Leadership

Year 12 house captains had their first house meeting last week. Each leader spoke with passion and enthusiasm about the upcoming swimming carnival.

House Captains emphasised the importance of participation, camaraderie and healthy competition with friends in other houses. This will be the first of many house meetings our leaders will speak at to begin our sporting carnivals for 2023.

(And just quietly Mr Scott says - GO VINCENT!!)

### Open Day - Volunteers Required

St Peter's Open Evening will be held on March 6th and we are calling on students volunteers to help the night run smoothly.

Duties include guiding prospective families around the school and answering any questions they may have. It is a great opportunity for students considering leadership and is a wonderful chance to share the many great things about our school.

Interested students should speak with Mr Beavis.

### Driving

Year 12 Students are reminded that parking is strictly located on site in the student car park and no student is to park on Keefers Glen. Year 11 parking is located on Gavenlock Road until the completion 2023 HSC. Can I thank students for always driving responsibly as they consider the impact their decisions can have on others.

### Important Dates

- 28 February - Swimming Carnival
- 6 March - College Open Evening (Volunteers needed)
- 13 March - Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 15 March - Year 11 Retreat commences
- 17 March - Year 11 Retreat concludes

See you in the playground!

*Adam Beavis, Mitchell Dryden  
and Mitchell Scott*



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# FIRST CLASS

CURATED BY CORMAC O'RIORDAN, KAREN GILBERTSON  
AND KATE ENDACOTT, MUSEUM OF ART AND CULTURE | *yapang*,  
LAKE MACQUARIE 4 FEBRUARY – 31 MARCH 2023





## FIRST CLASS 22

ASHLEE MARSDEN



Since 2009 the First Class Exhibition at the Museum of Art and Culture, yapang has celebrated and showcased the exceptional standard of work produced by HSC Visual Arts Students from the Hunter and Central Coast regions.

Selected from submissions produced in the previous year, the exhibition continues to embrace the diversity of media and techniques that represent the wide scope of the NSW HSC Visual Arts syllabus. The exhibition honours the wonderful talents of the Central Coast's local HSC students.

In 2022, Ashlee Marsden was amongst the elite students who were selected to show their Year 12 major work at the exhibition. Ashlee's 'Body of Work' "Intertwined" features large and small scale hand built, ceramic vessels, incorporating hessian and twine that has been pressed, stitched, and woven into the work. These artworks are an exploration of natural materials and symbolise fractured, repaired and bonded relationships.



## STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

BIANCA RECCHIA

Bianca's 2022 Visual Arts 'Body of Work' is a beautiful yet realistic depiction of one of the great loves of her life - her horses. Bianca's series of five hand drawn portraits show the humorous side of the animals. Bianca's ability to capture the horse's playful nature has seen her and fellow Visual Arts student, Ashlee Marsden selected from a field of 150 artworks for the annual 'First Class 22 Exhibition', which will be held at Lake Macquarie, Museum of Art and Culture yapang (MAC) from 4 February - 31 March 2023. This exhibition showcases the outstanding achievement in the practical component of HSC Visual Arts.



## 2023 SPORT UPDATE #1

2023 is looking like a great year for Sport at St Peter's. The ovals have been top dressed and are looking lush, hopefully the rain won't interrupt sport this year like last year. Already we have had 27 students nominate to trial at Broken Bay or NSWCCC level, and our Touch Football representative teams have been busy training.

Congratulations to Sienna M and Ainsley M who were selected in the Broken Bay Open Girls Touch Team who will compete at Wagga Wagga in the NSWCCC Championships.

Year 7 and 8 have started swimming lessons in their double sport periods this term. There has been strong participation across all venues – 5 Star Swim Centre, The Entrance Baths, and Toowoomba Bay Beach. This is great training for our Swimming Carnival that will be held on 28th February, at Wyong Pool. Information for the Swimming Carnival Event can be seen on Compass. During the Year 8 single sport periods, the students have been learning new skills in the areas of Rugby Touch, Boxing, AFL and Basketball.

Year 9 and 10 started their double sports last week. Some of the sports on offer were Golf, Tennis, Surf Survival, Lawn Bowls, Beach Activities, Castle Gym Strength Training, Mingara Group Fitness, and Indoor Sports at Tumby and Niagara Park.

All students displayed exemplary behaviour when out in the community and demonstrated the college guiding principle of 'Care For Self And Others Through Positive Wellbeing'.

The Targeted League Program is up and running again for Year 9 and 10 Girls and Boys this year under the guidance of Mr Hawkins and Mr Marquart. We are hoping the 2023 version is just as successful as the 2022 cohort.

Year 9 students wishing to go on Surf Camp later in the year have started their Surf Survival Training under the guidance of Mr Lawicki in single and double sport lessons. This skills learnt in this program is not only valuable for Surf Camp, but may allow the students to be prepared to save themselves, a loved one or even a member of the community in the future.

Finally, the Sport Department has changed the Roles of the Sport Co-ordinators this year to align with their expertise and the growing number of students at the College. Jacob Hawkins is taking over the Representative Sport Co-ordinator role in charge of Representative Teams and Performance, and brings his passion and experience to coaching many of our College teams. Duncan Little will be the Administration Sport Co-ordinator looking after Internal Sport for Year 7- 10 and coordinating the College Sporting Carnivals. We are looking forward to a great year!

*Duncan Little and Jacob Hawkins*  
Sports Co-ordinators





## SENIOR VISUAL ART EXCURSION

Last week we had an amazing day in Sydney with our Senior Visual Arts students travelling by train to see the Artexpress Exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW and the incredible Exhibition of Do Ho Suh's work at the Museum of Contemporary Art.

This was a new experience for quite a few of our students and a wonderful opportunity to view examples of outstanding HSC artworks created by students in 2022. The Artexpress curators have selected and showcased a wide variety of expressive art forms including painting, sculpture, ceramics and digital media, that explored concepts of nature, COVID, isolation, identity, family, and sense of place.

Students were able to photograph the artworks to help them to find and resolve ideas and choice of materials for their own HSC Body of Work.

Our visit to the Museum of Contemporary Art highlighted our day as we entered huge gallery spaces displaying life size installation artworks of stairways, rooms and domestic items constructed and stitched from sheer fabric and wire with every intricate detail included.

We also walked over a vast glass floor held up by thousands of tiny, sculptured figures and we were awestruck by the sculpture of an entire traditional Korean home constructed of mulberry paper rubbings. It was incredible.

Thank you to Ms Robilliard for joining us and assisting with head counting and meeting the desired lunch choices of our students. It was a great day, and our students did St Peter's proud with their neat uniform and exemplary behaviour.

*Nicola Oram and Amanda Purnell*  
Visual Arts Teachers





## 2023 IMMUNISATION SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

### NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

In 2023 the following vaccines will be offered. If your child is in Year 7 or Year 10 this year, you can now provide online consent for their routine school vaccinations.

In Year 7, students are offered free vaccines for diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) and human papillomavirus (HPV). In Year 10, students are offered the meningococcal ACWY vaccine.

Vaccination will only be provided at school if consent has been received.

How to provide consent:

1. To complete online consent for your child's school vaccinations, visit:  
<https://nswhealth.service-now.com/school>
2. Follow the steps to log in to your existing ServiceNSW account. This is the same account you may already use to renew your driver's licence. If you don't have a ServiceNSW account, refer to ServiceNSW to create one.
3. Update or confirm your personal details in ServiceNSW as required.
4. Complete the School Vaccination Consent Form for your child/ren. You will need to:
  - a) Enter your child's personal details
  - b) Provide the Medicare card details for you and your child
  - c) Read the linked Parent Information Sheet and privacy statement
  - d) Provide consent
5. If you or your child do not have a Medicare card, consent can still be provided by requesting a paper-based consent form directly from your child's school.

The benefits of providing consent online:

- easily update your child's details
- receive SMS and/or email notifications when vaccinations are given
- faster upload of vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).

For more information on routine school vaccinations, please visit:

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination).

If you require information in your language, please visit:

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/school\\_vaccination\\_language.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/school_vaccination_language.aspx)

### St Peter's Vaccination Clinic Dates

In 2023 students in Years 7, 8, 10 and 11 will be offered the following vaccinations:

- Year 7 - Human Papillomavirus (HPV) (2 dose course) and Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (dTpa)
- Year 8 - HPV and dTpa (this is a catch up program for students who returned consent forms in 2022)
- Year 10 - Meningococcal ACWY
- Year 11 - Meningococcal ACWY (this is a catch up program for students who returned a consent form in 2022 for Year 11, but missed this vaccination whilst in Year 10).

The vaccinations DO NOT include any COVID-19 vaccinations.

Dates for the vaccinations at St Peter's are as follows:

Visit 1	MONDAY 15 MAY 2023 YEAR 7 PLUS YEAR 8 CATCH-UP
Visit 2	TUESDAY 6 JUNE YEAR 10 PLUS YEAR 11 CATCH-UP YEAR 7 & YEAR 8 CATCH-UP
Visit 3	WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER YEAR 7 PLUS YEAR 8 CATCH-UP YEAR 10 & YEAR 11 CATCH-UP

For Year 8, and 11 students requiring catch up vaccinations, their consent forms have been retained by the immunisation team and the names of these students will be emailed to the College prior to the first school clinic.

Please note if a student is absent on the day of the vaccination clinic and their parents have consented to the vaccination, the consented vaccination will be offered to the student at the next available clinic date.

Parents are also advised that they are able to withdraw their consent at any time if they have previously consented. To do so please contact the College to discuss.

*Sue English*



Health





## EOI FOR SCHOOL ADVISORY GROUP

The College is currently calling for expressions of interest from the school community to be appointed to the St Peter's Catholic College School Advisory Group.

The Advisory Group is a requirement from the Catholic Schools Office and is designed to help our school community thrive. The group provides independent and/or expert advice to the Principal and Senior Leadership Team.

The School Advisory Group is comprised of parent, student and staff representatives each serving a twelve (12) month term. This Expression of Interest covers four (4) parent positions currently available on the School Advisory Group.

The Advisory Group's meetings are held once per term, as determined by the Principal or head convener. The meetings are held as face to face meetings each term during Week 5 from 5pm to 6pm on a Thursday.

The aim is to have an Advisory Group that represents a wide range of skills and experience, including but not limited to advertising and marketing, science and technology, education, health and wellbeing, legal, business, trade and industry.

To express your interest in being involved with the School Advisory Group please contact the Principal's Assistant, on [linda.selfridge@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:linda.selfridge@dbb.catholic.edu.au) by Friday 24 February 2023.

Expressions of Interest should include:

- Applicants full name
- Contact phone number
- Name of student(s) at the school
- Skills or area of expertise that you feel would be of benefit to the group and
- Details of your availability and/or time limitations.

This is a fantastic opportunity to be an active part of the College community in 2023!

*Tim Hildebrandt*  
Principal







**St PETER'S**  
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

# OPEN DAY

**Monday 6 March 2023**  
**Tours from 4pm**



Meet our Principal, teachers, students, parents.



Learn about St Peter's faith led approach, including appointments for personalised learning programs.



Visit our contemporary learning spaces, library, sports fields, music and arts rooms, theatre and trade training centre.



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*Inspiring hearts and minds to know Christ, to love learning,  
to use their talents to be the very best they can be.*

## Transport for NSW

# Road safety education

## Bus Safety Week 2023

### 20-26 February

#### We all have a part to play

Be Bus Aware highlights the importance of bus safety for all road users. Buses are large, heavy vehicles and can't stop quickly.

Bus Safety Week will run from Monday, 20 February to Sunday, 26 February 2023. The annual campaign raises awareness for all road users on how to stay safe on and around buses, helping to reduce injuries and fatalities.

#### Millions of trips

NSW has one of the largest metropolitan bus fleet in Australia. Almost 4000 buses operate in the Sydney area, while another 1000 buses service the Newcastle, Wollongong and Blue Mountains areas. In addition, more than 3000 bus services operate in rural and regional NSW.

From 2018 to 2022 (provisional), 32 people lost their lives in crashes involving buses. Of the 32 fatalities, 13 people were pedestrians, six were drivers (of vehicles other than a bus), six were motorcyclists, four were bus drivers, two were passengers (of vehicles other than a bus) and one was a pedal cyclist.

#### Pedestrians

Pedestrians are our most vulnerable road users and make-up almost half of all fatalities from bus crashes.

Bus Safety Week promotes safety for pedestrians, who should:

- Plan ahead and don't rush for the bus
- Obey traffic signals and cross with care
- Avoid being distracted by mobile devices
- Stand back from the kerb when waiting for a bus
- Wait until the bus has gone then use a safe place to cross the road.

Our Zero Emission Buses are helping us achieve our goals to respond to climate change. They're much quieter and reduce noise pollution, so remember to always stay alert when walking around buses and traffic.

#### Parents and carers

School-aged children might seem independent, but they still need a hand.

Remember:

- Always meet your child AT school or the bus stop. NEVER wait on the opposite side of the road and call them across.
- Always supervise your child and hold their hand when walking to and from the bus stop or interchange and when crossing the road until they are at least 10
- Wait until the bus has gone then use a safe place to cross the road
- Encourage your child to take a seat quickly when they get on the bus and to buckle up if the bus has seatbelts.

#### Drivers

We know that because of their sheer size and mass, buses cause severe outcomes for other road users in crashes. Buses can't stop quickly and drivers should:

- Give way to buses
- Not merge too closely in front of buses
- Keep a safe distance from buses in front of you
- Slow down to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing, unless a lower speed limit applies
- Be aware of a bus's blind spots at the front, rear and sides of the bus.

#### Passengers

All bus passengers should:

- Press the button well before your stop to give the driver plenty time to stop safely
- Wait until the bus has stopped before you get out of your seat
- Buckle up if the bus has seatbelts.

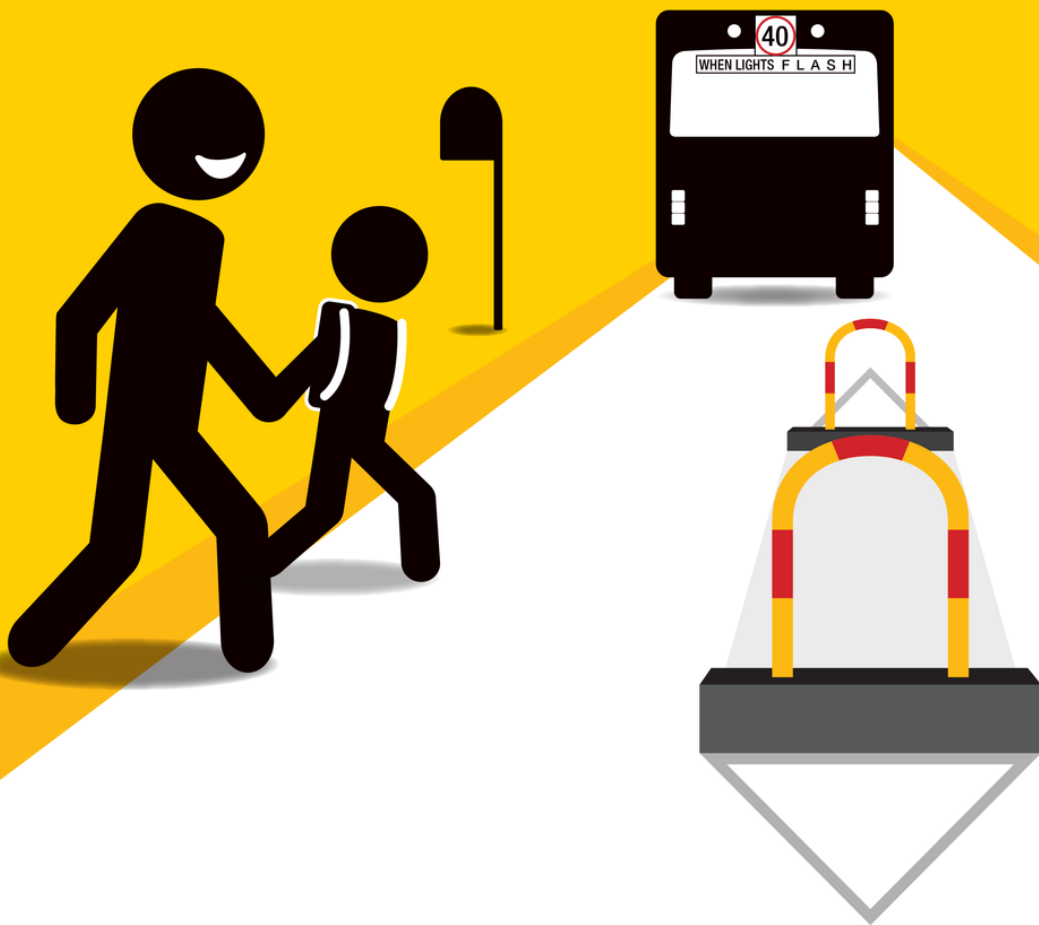
#### Working together

Our campaign has been developed with input from the State Transit Authority, Bus NSW, Transport for NSW, and the NSW Police Force. The Department of Education, the Catholic Education Commission, the Association of Independent Schools and the Kids and Traffic Early Childhood Road Safety Education Program at Macquarie University also support Be Bus Aware and Bus Safety Week.



# BE BUS AWARE

**Wait until the bus  
has gone then use a  
safe place to cross**



**BeBusAware.com.au**



## MATHS HELP EVERY TUESDAY



Maths support is available every Tuesday during Break 1 in the Explore Zone of the Library.

If your child is struggling with concepts or particular topics we encourage them to come along and discuss with Ms Michell and her team of Maths whizzes.

Calculators are also available for daily hire from the College Library, for more information please see Ms Skarstein & the Library Staff.

*Teresa Michell*

Leader of Learning - Mathematics

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## WYONG PARISH YOUTH COORDINATOR

The Wyong Catholic Parish invites you to join their team as a Youth Coordinator working up to 4 hours per week. The role does allow for flexibility with the working schedule, however you'll need to have availability for weekends and evenings.

This is an exciting role where you will build and maintain a parish youth group, encouraging young people to engage and participate in parish youth activities, ensuring a sense of fun, community, belonging and faith for the youth and young adults in the parish.

You'll work to build a strong youth network and collaborate with like groups and organisations as well as encouraging, supporting and assisting volunteers to assist in the youth ministry.

Please apply by sending a CV and brief cover letter addressing role requirements via email to [wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

Applications close Friday 3 March.

*Father Paul & Father Alex*  
Wyong Parish



## UPCOMING EVENTS @ ST PETER'S

### Term 1 2023

Thursday 23 February  
Friday 24 February  
Sunday 26 February  
Tuesday 28 February  
Wednesday 1 March  
Friday 3 March  
Sunday 5 March  
Monday 6 March  
Friday 10 March  
Monday 13 March  
Tuesday 14 March  
Wednesday 15 March  
Tuesday 21 March  
Thursday 23 March  
Monday 27 March  
Wednesday 29 March  
Friday 31 March

- Youth Ministry Equipping School commences
- House Meetings for Swimming Carnival
- Youth Ministry Equipping School concludes
- College Swimming Carnival
- Year 7 "Amazing Race" Reflection Day
- VENIO Youth Ministry Retreat commences
- VENIO Youth Ministry Retreat concludes
- COLLEGE OPEN EVENING
- Whole College Assembly
- Year 7 & 11 Parent Teacher Evening
- Broken Bay Swimming
- NAPLAN commences
- School Cross Country
- NAPLAN concludes
- Year 11 VET Entertainment Excursion
- Year 7 Camp commences
- Year 7 Camp concludes