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ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE MANLY **COLLEGE PROSPECTUS**

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you for your interest in St Paul's Catholic College, Manly. As specialists in the education of young men, we understand the importance of finding the right school for your son.

St Paul's is a safe and inclusive community that offers an authentic, professional Catholic education, delivered with care and compassion. Our teaching staff are committed to knowing and understanding the learning needs of every student and ensuring that he experiences success. We have high expectations of our young men backed up by strong support and the clear and consistent boundaries that provide them with structure and room to grow.

Our students' successes are wide ranging and built on a foundation of mutual respect, and self-discipline. We are proud to celebrate the success of all our students, from the field of academia to business, cultural and sporting life, recognising and nurturing their individual gifts and passions.

As a Catholic faith community, we work to build relationships that are life-giving, based on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The Gospel values of love, compassion and justice and forgiveness underpin our efforts to shape young men who will live lives of meaning and purpose. Men who will not only find happiness and success in life, but strive to bring happiness and success to others.

Thank you for considering St Paul's for your son's secondary school education. We look forward to meeting you, and to forging a strong and supportive partnership between school and home that will help your son to realise his full potential.





ABOUT THE COLLEGE

St Paul's Catholic College has been educating the young men of the Northern Beaches since 1929.

The College achieves consistently strong learning growth in NAPLAN and the Higher School Certificate by identifying and addressing the learning needs of each student.

Our staff have a wealth of experience in boys education and a strong understanding of what works when it comes to motivating, affirming and challenging young men to continually improve.

The College offers a wide array of courses to stimulate students' interest in learning and prepare them for the worlds of work and post-school learning. In this way the College creates a culture of success.

Situated on the historic St Patrick's Estate, the College's setting and facilities are the envy of many other schools. From our state-of-the-art hospitality facilities to our creative arts hub, fully equipped technology workshops and ICT network, we cater to the diverse interests of all students. As a result, the College has produced leaders and achievers in business, medicine, public service, education, professional sport and the arts. In recent years St Paul's students have been HSC All-rounders and have been ranked first in the Diocese of Broken Bay in Mathematics, Information Technology, Applied Arts and a range of other courses.

Founded upon the Charism of Blessed Edmund Rice, St Paul's is an inclusive community that seeks to not only educate but form young men that will become leaders and shapers of their community with a strong commitment to justice and respect for all.

The St Paul's graduate is an independent, confident and resilient young man with a strong moral centre.

OUR MISSION AND VISION

St Paul's Catholic College Manly is proudly a member of the community of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Our shared mission is to provide a quality Catholic education informed by the Charism of Blessed Edmund Rice that will prepare young men to lead lives of meaning and purpose.

Our vision is for the College to be :

- A place of learning that addresses the particular needs of every student and celebrates their successes
- A community that provides every student with opportunities to grow and achieve physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually
- A place of welcome that recognises and upholds the dignity of every person
- A community of faith, in which the example of Jesus Christ informs our relationships.

OUR VALUES

Our mission and vision are underpinned by the values of the Gospel, expressed as:

- **Respect** – accepting the different gifts that each person brings to our community while recognising each one as created in the image and likeness of God
- **Responsibility** – being accountable for our actions and ensuring that our choices promote the common good of every member of our community
- **Reverence** – a deep awareness that the opportunities that we have been given reflect the will of a God that knows and loves us and the hard work of our families and community, and that they are not to be taken for granted
- **Results** – a commitment to continually challenge ourselves and those around us to grow into our potential as learners





LEARNING

- St Paul's has a well-earned reputation for academic success, achieving strong learning growth for every student. The College produces high academic achievers and HSC All-rounders as well as providing an excellent standard of Vocational Education under the Australian Qualifications Framework.
- The College provides a wide and well-resourced curriculum that is shaped by the principles of Structured Inquiry-Based Learning and delivered by highly qualified and experienced Teaching Staff. Students in Years 7 and 8 engage in a cross-curricular INSPIRE program that promotes deep learning, acquiring essential skills and developing critical thinking.
- Each teacher knows their students and strives to develop learning experiences that both challenge and support them, consolidating their learning and helping them to grow.
- The College's Diverse Learning Team works with students, families and teachers to support students with specific learning needs. Each student is treated with dignity and has a clear plan to progress appropriate to his age and stage of learning.

CO-CURRICULAR

- St Paul's offers a wide range of opportunities allowing every student to fully engage with the community, to grow and to succeed. From individual sport and recreation activities to representative teams, outdoor education, creative and performing arts, and community service programs we strive to ensure that every student is active and engaged in his education both in and outside the classroom.
- The College's elective sport program promotes healthy living, respect for others and collaboration whilst our representative sports teams provide opportunities for our students to further develop self-discipline, ambition and humility both in victory and defeat.
- The College is affiliated with Catholic Schools NSW Sport providing a pathway to state and national representation. St Paul's also engages with a range of enrichment programs in science and technology that are supported by Universities and Business and has an enviable reputation for success in the creative arts, boasting a number of finalists in the prestigious Northern Beaches Art Prize.

STUDENT WELLBEING

The wellbeing of every student at St Paul's is an absolute priority. The College creates and maintains support structures that focus on each student's academic, social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing.

Each student is supported by a Pastoral Care Teacher that meets with a small class group each day and a Leader of Wellbeing that is focused on the age and stage specific needs of each cohort. The Pastoral Care Teacher is each parent's primary contact within the College and plays a significant role in monitoring each student's attendance, academic progress, spiritual development and involvement in the co-curricular life of the College.

Students that require additional support from time to time may access a qualified Counsellor and a Clinical Psychologist, both of whom are employed by the College to promote and bolster student wellbeing.





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