



St Paul's
ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Transition

Connection & Belonging



Years 7 & 8 Transition
Traralgon

It's time for Secondary School

For Students From The Principal

Welcome to the St Paul's experience, where we are committed to assisting you to pursue your potential.

Secondary schooling can be both exciting and challenging, and we will support you every step of the way!

From Year 7, the adventures in academic and co-curricular endeavours begin. We provide opportunities for you to choose electives to personalise your learning experience, discover individual passions through co-curricular activities and equip you with strong foundations for your future.

With over 100 co-curricular and sporting options to choose from as you progress through secondary school, as well as our specialised Academy of Music and High Performance Program, we provide a tailored learning experience designed just for you.

Your happiness is very important to us. St Paul's creates an environment where you will feel included and make meaningful connections with your peers, teachers and support networks. Beyond the classroom, you will share experiences with your Mentor Group, become part of a thriving house community and spend time with your Peer Support Leaders, all activities which are dedicated to your wellbeing and achievement.

We look forward to getting to know you and wish you all the best for your final year of primary school.

Cameron Herbert
Principal

For Parents Philosophy & Values

St Paul's prides itself on offering a unique learning environment that not only provides an outstanding education but in addition develops each student in the spiritual, social, emotional, physical and intellectual domains.

We are a school where wellbeing comes first and success in whatever area your child chooses to pursue will follow. We support every child to pursue and achieve their personal best, whatever that may be.

We offer a safe, inclusive and caring environment, where thoughts can be expressed, achievement can be celebrated and where each student belongs to a community that supports them to achieve their potential.

Underpinning all of our actions are our ethos and the embedded values of:

- Wisdom
- Integrity
- Compassion
- Respect

Spirituality

St Paul's is an Anglican school founded on the ethos and values of the Anglican Church. We nurture learners from all faiths and beliefs to pursue their potential.

We provide opportunities for every child to find and follow their purpose, and foster an environment where every faith and belief is respected and valued. We do not expect students, families or staff to share our Christian beliefs. Instead, we ask that our learners develop and share their perspectives on spirituality and faith with openness, respect and humility.

Our Anglican tradition is observed through chapel services and faith study which all students are required to attend. These provide a space for each student to experience encouragement and exploration of faith within a strong and supportive community. Further opportunities for faith development are offered through voluntary student Christian groups.

Acknowledgement Of Country

St Paul's Anglican Grammar School acknowledge the Gunaikurnai as the Traditional Owners of Country on which we learn, share and grow.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present who have cared for the mountains, rivers, sea and sky where our schools are located. We will continue to stand in solidarity with all First People on our journey to reconciliation.

Happy students thrive

Student Wellbeing

At St Paul's, student wellness is the focus of each school day and the core purpose of our Mentor Groups. We aim to understand the 'whole' child to create a meaningful connection between our students and staff.

Every student has access to support staff, including counsellors/psychologists and chaplaincy staff, who help students thrive as both learners and individuals. We understand that wellbeing is dynamic and our program changes to meet the unique needs of students.

Our comprehensive Pastoral Care Program includes a combination of Chapel, guest speakers, assemblies and house meetings designed to cultivate a sense of belonging. We pride ourselves on our students being known, valued and celebrated within our school community – believing every student should be recognised for their personal learning, creative pursuits and sporting achievements.

A weekly pastoral session provides students with the opportunity to think meaningfully about the world they live in. Our Mentor Teachers and Heads of Year explore a range of issues that are relevant to the physical, spiritual, emotional and intellectual wellbeing of our students, preparing students with real-world skills for the future.

Growing With Your House

We are known for creating a sense of family amongst our students and staff through our House, Mentor and Peer Support Programs.

Our school has six houses which form the foundation of interhouse activities, pastoral care and support. Each student is allocated to a house, with members of the same family placed together. Students are also placed in

a Mentor Group and Mentor Teachers and Heads of Year monitor the daily needs of individuals in their care, working together to foster a happy and safe learning experience.

Our houses are: Chisholm, Franklin, Gilmore, Lalor, Monash and Paterson.

Trust Mapping

At St Paul's we believe that connected students are those that feel happy, safe and respected. Year 7 students conduct a short relationship mapping activity, providing staff with valuable information that assists them in teaching each child, both as an individual and as part of a classroom cohort. The mapping also provides information about students' social and emotional concerns, allowing for early intervention on potential issues.

Part of the foundation of our Pastoral Care Program is encouraging our students to identify a trusted adult or adults within our school community. Respectful relationships underpin everything we do and encouraging our students to recognise and identify them is crucial in our ability to support them.

Building Connection

Our Peer Support Program partners Year 7 students with senior students who support their transition into secondary school. Peer Support Leaders provide advice and create meaningful connections with our Year 7 students to foster a sense of belonging in their new environment.

Commencing at Friendship Morning, Peer Support Leaders continue to engage with students throughout Term 1, at camp, and then on occasions throughout the year. Becoming a Peer Support Leader requires commitment and training, and they act as mentors, guides

and occasional confidantes, working together to establish new friendships that will flourish over the coming years.

All Things Outdoor

Our camp and outdoor education program is designed to: develop skills in a range of outdoor pursuits; enhance relationships with others and the environment; and promote personal growth in self-awareness, self-confidence, teamwork and leadership through challenge and adventure.

Our Year 7 camp in early Term 1 is part of our secondary school transition program. The camp aims to foster positive relationships and welcome new students into the St Paul's community. Peer Support Leaders join the students as they experience a range of adventure activities.

The Year 8 program visits Phillip Island; utilising the sand and sea of this iconic location, we build upon the skills introduced in Year 7.

Students participate in surfing, canoeing, stand-up paddleboarding, and personal and group challenges continuing to further their own individual growth whilst forging closer connections with their peers.

The focus of our Year 9 adventure camp is personal wellbeing and discovery. We spend three days combining mindfulness activities with adventure sessions to push comfort levels and develop self-reflection techniques.

Our camp program continues in Year 10 and ties in perfectly with The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, the world's leading youth achievement award. It also acts as a pathway into studies of Sport and Recreation in Years 11 and 12.

Getting you ready!

Student Information Let's Talk

Starting secondary is a big step for many students, but at St Paul's we work hard to make the change as seamless as possible to ensure that you feel safe, happy and respected.

We equip you with skills and knowledge and provide activities that build nurturing friendships. We extend your classroom learning to help you grow in the school values of wisdom, integrity, compassion and respect.

Our aim is to ensure that you develop a strong set of skills that will prepare you for success in the secondary years of education and beyond. Through our high-quality teaching program, we personalise learning to uncover your intentions and aptitudes. We provide opportunities for elective study, leadership and co-curricular activity that will support you to pursue and achieve your potential.

We hope this booklet provides you with knowledge of, and excitement about, a St Paul's education.

How to Prepare Six Steps To Transition

Commencing secondary school is a time of anticipation and change. Whether you are transitioning from a large or small primary school, or are

already at St Paul's, our priority is to ensure you feel comfortable in your new learning environment as soon as possible.

1. Information Evening

You and your parents begin to hear about and experience firsthand the array of educational and co-curricular opportunities on offer at secondary school at St Paul's. You can take a tour, hear from our staff and gain an understanding of what learning at St Paul's will be like.

2. Welcome Interview

For families new to St Paul's, you will be invited to attend a personal interview where we get to know your family and discover your unique interests, aptitudes and abilities. We will also take the time to answer any questions you may have.

Existing St Paul's students will spend time getting to know our Secondary School Leadership Team through Junior School activities.

3. Friendship Morning

Friendship Morning is a fantastic opportunity for you to familiarise yourself with our teaching staff and pastoral leaders, find your way around the campus and meet your

new classmates. The Peer Support Program commences and you will enjoy a fun-filled morning of activities and games.

4. Orientation Days

An extended three-day orientation provides you with more time to interact with your new friends and have lessons with many of our teachers. You will find out about our laptop program and participate in a music session. School Prefects, House Captains and Peer Support Leaders will be on hand to help you settle in.

5. Welcome Twilight Evening

Families gather at an informal barbeque which provides students the opportunity to organise their lockers and meet their mentors before the first day of school.

6. Peer Support Camp

Designed to foster and develop new friendships, you will experience a range of adventure and problem-solving activities with an emphasis on personal responsibility, independence and collaboration. This is the perfect time to meet others across your year level and establish friendships that will last a lifetime.

Meet the Team Traralgon Campus



Leonie Clark
Head of Secondary School



Donna Byrne
Director of Studies



Andrew McGrath
Director of Learning & Teaching



Sharon Pyle
Head of Year 7



Kirsten Enders
Head of Year 8

All about learning

Classroom Learning Core Subjects

Each day is divided into six lessons, with breaks for recess and lunch. All students study subjects in the following core areas of learning:

- Christian Studies
- English
- Health and Physical Education
- Humanities
- Language (Japanese)
- Mathematics
- Science
- Arts/Technology
- Sport

Students study Japanese and may choose to continue studying this through to the VCE level. An alternative language subject can be undertaken at extra cost through the Victorian School of Languages and is studied as an additional subject. Please read our Course Guide for further information.

The Arts/Technology program is an exciting part of the curriculum. Every student will have the opportunity to be involved in each of the Arts/Technology strands through a rotation of subjects. The subjects are delivered through the faculties of Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Science/IT and Health.

Please read the electives information on the following page and access our Course Guide for more detailed information.

Download our Course Guide at
<https://stpaulsags.vic.edu.au/enrolment/for-our-families>

Academic Transition Individualised Education

Effective transition ensures every child can feel safe, known and acknowledged as they begin to navigate the requirements of learning at secondary school.

Upon commencement, testing in Mathematics and English, alongside NAPLAN data and previous school reports, helps guide student placement in classes, allocate support resources and promote enrichment opportunities.

Learning With Laptops Laptop Program

Modern learning requires students to be familiar with computing technology and the ability to research and complete work using digital methods. Students will use laptops regularly for learning and will be required to bring these to school every day.

Students will be provided with training regarding the safe use of the laptop and learn how to access resources on the school network. Instruction and guidance regarding the use of key programs will be implemented as part of the academic program.



Spoilt for choice

Electives **Your Choice Of Adventure**

Our elective offering allows our students to develop a passion for subjects they love to learn. These classes are tailored, fun and engaging and present a learning pathway all the way through to VCE. What will your learning passion be?

The Years 7 and 8 'Choose Your Own Adventure' Elective Program provides students with the opportunity to participate in a two-year program across Years 7 and 8.

Over the course of two years, students must choose at least:

- One Visual Art subject
- One Performing Art subject
- One Food Technology subject
- One Soft Materials subject
- One Hard Materials Technology subject.

Each elective runs for one semester. Please read our Course Guide for more detailed information.

Pick Your Passion

Students choose from the following:

Year 7 Electives

Sweet Blocks

Learn basic woodworking techniques whilst making small games and a treat dispenser. Show your creative side by adding designs through wood burning and transfers.

Get Cooking

Welcome to the world of food. Gain valuable skills in preparing food safely, hygienically and creatively, and present your dishes with flair.

Music Technology & Audio Editing

Use different musical technologies (both hardware and software) to

learn how audio can be recorded and transformed through editing functions including live audio recording and mixing.

A Slice Of Art

Embrace the 'landscape' creating collages of the environment and looking at how other artists have been inspired by their surroundings.

All The World's A Stage

Know what it means to be an actor on stage, with a focus on script writing and developing an understanding of "stock characters". Develop your skills in acting and script writing and build self-confidence as you go.

Architecture & Design

Undertake projects that teach you to think creatively and find new solutions to design problems. You will also design and create 3D models using a variety of media and materials.

Textiles: Designing for a Sustainable Future

Step into a world of sustainable creativity! Craft textile masterpieces from recycled materials, and develop sewing and decorative fabric techniques while embracing a greener future in textile design.

Active for Life

Engage in various fitness-based sports and activities while developing skills that can benefit you throughout your life.

Gamers in the Making

Design and test games while learning about the processes behind two-dimensional and multiplayer games.

Year 8 Electives

Fun With Food

Continue your journey into the wonderful world of food by producing more complex recipes, while learning about the origin and nutritional value of the key foods.

Modern Timber Designs

Explore how to bend timber and combine the effect with modern appliances. Discover how laser technology is used for precision cutting.

Music Performance & Composition

Devote time to playing, listening to and composing music as a group, using a combination of different instruments.

Musical Theatre

Do you enjoy the idea of singing, acting and moving or do you think you might? Hone your performance skills and your ability to be a versatile and confident performer on the stage.

Robotics

Enter the fascinating and exciting world of complex and sophisticated machines. Ponder the future of artificial intelligence (AI) as you learn to program robots to successfully follow your commands.

Art in 3D

Explore space and form as you build, construct and assemble a variety of three-dimensional works. Journey through a variety of mediums including ceramics, sculpture, carving, assemblage and Modroc.

Photos in Motion

Discover the realm of multimedia through an introduction to digital photography, animation and filmmaking using Adobe Photoshop, Final Cut Pro X and Adobe Flash.

Finding your niche...

Co-curricular Options

St Paul's offers many activities beyond the classroom and we strongly encourage students to participate. Being part of a co-curricular activity provides an opportunity to make new friends, learn and practise skills in a particular area and spend time with like-minded peers.

The main aim is for students to embrace all aspects of school life and make the most of opportunities.

Activities and competitions are subject to change, may be based on student numbers, may be year level dependent, may run every two years or be deferred.

Clubs & Activities

- Art Club
- Catering Club
- Chess Club
- Debating (Debaters Association of Victoria)
- Garden Club
- Homework Club
- House Music Festival
- Indoor Rowing Club
- Japanese Club
- Lego Club
- Mathematics Club
- Public Speaking
- Robotics
- SEISA Cultural Festival
- Team Timor

International

- Japan Language and Culture Tour
- East Timor Culture Tour
- French Language Tour

Sport

- Athlete Development Program (acceptance based on criteria)
- Badminton
- Clay Target Shooting
- Elite Sports Performers Program (acceptance based on criteria)

- Equestrian
- Gymnastics
- House Carnivals: Athletics, Cross Country, Swimming
- House Tug of War
- Snow Sports
- Sport Aerobics
- Surfing
- Nationals Basketball
- SEISA Athletics
- SEISA Badminton
- SEISA Basketball
- SEISA AFL Boys
- SEISA Girls AFL
- SEISA Cricket
- SEISA Cross Country
- SEISA Hockey
- SEISA Netball
- SEISA Soccer
- SEISA Softball
- SEISA Surfing
- SEISA Swimming
- SEISA Table Tennis
- SEISA Tennis
- SEISA Volleyball
- Victorian All Schools Swimming Championships

Performing Arts

- Centrepiece Concert
- Chamber Choir
- Choir
- Codetta Concert
- Concert Band
- Drum Battery
- House Music
- House Theatre Sports
- Jazz Combo
- Kammer Konzert (Academy of Music)
- Kapelle Konzert (Academic of Music)
- Scholarships Holders' Concert
- Studio Concerts
- Secondary School Production/Play (alternate years)
- SEISA Dance
- SEISA Music Festival
- SEISA Theatre Sports
- St Paul's Academy of Music

- (subject to auditions)
- Soul Band
- String Orchestra
- Mount Gambier Generations in Jazz
- Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod
- West Gippsland Eisteddfod

Leadership & Service

We take pride in watching our students become confident, articulate, resourceful and committed young adults capable of contributing to the wider community. As they progress through secondary school, their skills and understanding are honed through a range of leadership, service and fundraising efforts.

- School Captains
- Co-curricular Captain
- Community Ambassador
- Community Service
- Deputy House Captains
- Peer Support Leaders
- Student Representative Council
- Student Harmony Advisory Committee



Need a little extra?

Beyond the Classroom Enrichment & Extension

At St Paul's, we believe in developing a lifelong love of learning in our students and this is embedded in our culture, teaching and curriculum. We provide opportunities for all types of learners with all types of interests, recognising that every student has an individual education journey, which at times will require enrichment and extension.

A small snapshot of some of the enrichment activities at St Paul's includes:

- Australian Maths Competition
- Duke of Edinburgh's International Award
- ICAS Computer Skills
- ICAS English
- ICAS Science
- ICAS Writing
- Tournament of Minds

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**To learn more, please contact:
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High Performance Program

Elite Sports Performers (ESP) Program

The ESP Program caters to a growing number of secondary students at St Paul's who are competing in their chosen sport at a junior elite level and require additional support and flexibility of curriculum to manage their studies concurrently with training and competition commitments.

The program has two main components: the support of the student athlete and the development of the student athlete. Students also benefit regularly from elite athlete guest speakers and presentations by industry leaders in athlete development. Program students are supported by the iNSPIRE app which is designed for young athletes to monitor their wellness and assist in their holistic development.

Participants also attend a biennial Elite Athlete Camp at the Australian Institute of Sport.

Athlete Development Program (ADP)

The ADP nurtures student athletes who are highly committed to their sport at a community level and are focused on progressing in their chosen sport.

The ADP caters for students who may be at a high local level in their sport but are yet to experience the training, travel and competition commitments of the highest level.

ADP students receive access to the Athlete Development App and guest speakers to motivate them and teach them how to monitor their wellbeing while becoming a better athlete (as do ESP students).

**For further information, please contact:
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Academy of Music

The first of its kind in a Gippsland school and a rare opportunity for orchestral, choral and keyboard students, the Academy of Music offers students access to specialist ensemble training and performance along with musical mentoring opportunities.

Open to students by audition, the Academy offers a dedicated focus through timetabled classes for the development of students' chamber and orchestral skills. With professionally delivered workshops in addition to combined, cross-campus orchestral and choral rehearsals, students have many opportunities to perform at a range of venues.

Incorporating live concert exposure and collaboration with professional conductors, educators and performers alike, the Academy inspires students to take their musical studies and ensemble skills to the next level.

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