

TERM 2 WEEK 1: Monday 21st July, 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

21 st – 23 rd July:	SMA Camp 1 (SAS, SCC, SHG) (Where possible, students to stay home July 24 th .)
23 rd – 25 th July:	SMA Camp 2 (SAK, SKL, SRC) (Where possible, students to stay home July 28 th .)
28 th – 29 th July:	MMA Camp - CYC the Island Camp – Phillip Island (Where possible, students to stay home July 30 th .)
Thursday 31 st August:	Prep Excursion (ACMI)
Friday 1 st August:	School Assembly SRC – 2.30pm
Monday 4 th August:	2026 Prep Information Session – St Paul's School, 9.15am
Wednesday 6 th August:	St Mary MacKillop/Grandparents Mass (9.15am), Open Classrooms and Morning Tea
August 7 th and 8 th :	School Closure Days – No School for Students
August 11 th – 15 th :	Book Week – more information to follow
Friday August 15 th :	Feast of the Assumption Mass – 10.00am St Paul's Church
Friday August 15 th :	Applications close for 2027 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges—our current Year 5 students
Friday August 22 nd :	Class Mass – MVN, MGR, MAR – 10.00am, School Assembly – 'Shrek' Performance – 2.30pm
Monday 25 th August:	2026 Prep Information Session – St Paul's School, 1.30pm
Thursday 28 th August:	MVN, MAR and MGR attend excursion to Melbourne Zoo
Friday 29 th August:	MEM, MLD and MAM attend excursion to Melbourne Zoo, Assembly – JKL - 2.30pm
Thursday 4 th September:	Father's Day Breakfast – 7.30am
Friday 5 th September:	Father's Day Stall, School Assembly – MVN 2.30pm
Tuesday 9 th September:	2026 Prep Information Session – St Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 12 th September:	School Assembly – MAM – 2.30pm
September 11, 15, 16 and 17	New dates for Production – more information to follow.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to welcome two new staff members and a returning staff member to St Paul's. Mrs Teresa Germano will be working in PMF on Tuesday and Wednesday for the remainder of the year. Ms Phuong Do will be working as a Learning Support Officer for the remainder of the year. Mrs Samantha Clarke will be returning from parental leave and will be working in JCL on Fridays. We welcome Teresa and Phuong, and welcome back Samantha, to St Paul's School. We look forward to working with them.

There is a great deal happening this term. Some of our SMA students left for camp this morning. The remainder will travel to Mt. Eliza on Wednesday – the children will return to school at approximately 2.45pm on Wednesday and Friday. Our MMA students have their camp next Monday and Tuesday (July 28 and 29). Please remember that we ask children to be kept home on the day after the camp, where possible. These dates are Thursday, 24th July, (SMA Camp 1), Monday, 28th July (SMA Camp 2) and Wednesday, 30th July (MMA Camp). We will be performing 'Shrek' on September 11, 15, 16 and 17. Tickets for the production will go on sale on Monday 11th August – more information will be sent out shortly. We also have our Father's Day Breakfast on Thursday, 4th September at 7.30am. We have a very special Mass on Wednesday, August 6th at 9.15am – the Feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop and our Grandparents' Mass. Family and Grandparents are welcome to join us at Mass, visit classrooms after Mass and join us for morning tea at 11.00am. More information relating to these special events will follow.

I remind families that applications for Year 7 in 2027 for Catholic Secondary Schools must be in by Friday, 15th August. Our Year 5 students must enrol by this date if they wish to attend a Catholic Secondary School. Your child will not be accepted if the enrolment form for the secondary school of your choice is not completed on time.

If you have not enrolled your child in Prep for 2026, please do so immediately. Your child will be put on a waiting list if you do not apply immediately.

There is no school for children on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th August as all staff will be further developing their understanding of the Child Safe Standards as well as renewing their First Aid Level 1 qualifications.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento

PRINCIPAL

2026 PREP ENROLMENTS – ONLINE APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Enrolments for Prep 2026 are now open. This year, there is a change to the way we will accept enrolments. All enrolments must be completed online – you need to go to our website - www.spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au, click on ‘Enrolment Information’ and then ‘Apply Now’. Please ensure you apply as soon as possible as we are interviewing 2026 Preps and Families over the coming weeks. If you don’t apply in the near future, you may be put on a waiting list.

CHILD SAFETY AROUND ST PAUL’S

A reminder to all families to use the school crossing or the pedestrian lights when crossing Links Street and Glengala Road. This will ensure all in the community are safe. Please make sure **you drive as far forward as possible in the drop off zone** before stopping for your children to get out of the car. When leaving the drop off zone in the morning, please turn left out of the school driveway as Links Street is a one-way street in the morning and afternoon. I also ask families not to leave their cars unattended in the drop off zone in the morning. This causes congestion. If you wish to visit the school office before 8.45am you must park in Links Street and walk to school. It is unsafe to park in the visitor parking bays and cross the drop off zone without using the crossing that is supervised by staff. A reminder that no child should be left unattended in a car and they should not leave the car on the driver’s side of the vehicle. Please follow all road regulations to ensure the streets around St Paul’s remain safe for all.

WHAT IS THE NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA (NCCD)?

Schools must now complete the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) every year. It counts the number of students who receive additional adjustments or ‘help’ at school with their learning. This data provides information to the Federal Government and the Victorian Catholic Education Authority (VCEA) about the number of students receiving adjustments which enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students. An NCCD information sheet was sent home On Tuesday 1st July. It can also be found on the Audiri (Skoolbag) App, on the school’s website and at the front office. If you have any questions about the NCCD please contact Ms Kara or Mrs Schembri.



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 **eSafety Commissioner**

Article from eSafety Commissioner: Screen Time for Your Child: 7 Tips

There is a lot of conflicting advice and emerging research around screen time. But, the right amount of screen time can depend on a range of factors like your child’s age and maturity, the kind of content they are consuming, their learning needs and your family routine. It can be easy to focus only on the clock and how long your child is spending in front of the screen, but the quality and nature of what they are doing online, and your involvement are just as important.

1. Be involved
2. Work with your child to set some boundaries for screen use
3. Be clear about the consequences of not switching off
4. Set device-free zones and times at home
5. Ask your child to explain their screen use
6. Use tech tools to help manage access
7. Lead by example

For more info visit https://www.esafety.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-06/EC-ESP-screen-time-tips-flyer_0.pdf?v=1749775083664

IMPORTANT DATE FOR THIS TERM

Children who will be attending a Catholic Secondary School in 2027 – our current Year 5 students - must enrol in their Catholic Secondary School of choice by Friday 15th August, 2025. If they are not enrolled by this date, your child will not receive an offer to attend their school of choice in 2027.

15th August 2025: Applications close for 2027 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 Students

PREP EXCURSION TO ACMI

To support our Inquiry Unit ‘How to help our fairytale friends’ the Preps will be going on an excursion to ACMI where they will engage in a fairy tale and fantasy workshop. Here, they will gain an understanding of a green screen and how it’s used, engage in dramatic play and turn themselves into fairytale characters. The excursion is being held on July 31st. Please refer to the excursion note that was sent home last term for the full details of the excursion. Please complete and return the permission slip as soon as possible. Thank you very much for your kind support.

GETTING ORGANISED FOR SCHOOL

How things go at home in the morning can set the tone for the day ahead. A predictable and positive morning routine for school can help children arrive at school feeling calm, fed and ready to make the most of the first few hours of the day.

Morning routine for school: the whys and hows

Children don't understand time in the same way as grown-ups. This can make school morning a stressful time of day for families. But staying calm and getting along in the morning will help you all feel positive about the day ahead. For example, fighting with children in the morning makes it harder for you to work well. It even increases the risk of you having an accident at work. The most useful way to reduce morning chaos is to set up a morning routine for school. Sticking to a morning routine for school helps your children predict what's coming, and remember what they need to do. Here are some ideas to take some of the pressure out of school mornings – even if things don't always go smoothly!

Planning ahead for school mornings: the night before

The first step in your morning routine for school is to think about what you need to do and work out a plan for doing it. You'll probably find that you and your child can do many things the night before.

Here are some ideas:

- Try to find out the night before (or even earlier) if there is something special going on at school the next day.
- Organise lunches and set the breakfast table ready for the morning rush. Breakfast is one of the most important meals of the day and helps your child to concentrate better at school.
- Get your child to have a bath or shower the night before. This means you won't have to worry about this in the morning.
- You may know something is going to come up that could cause conflict, like your child not wanting to eat breakfast, or wanting to wear sneakers rather than school shoes. Talk about it the night before when everybody has time and you're all less likely to be stressed.
- Think about having a weekly schedule or calendar with reminders of what your child needs to take to school each day – for example, library books, sports clothes, show and tell, and so on.
- Think about getting ready for your day the night before as well, to help ease time pressure in the morning.
- Try to read school newsletters and check bags for notes the night before. You could also try to prepare clothes, sign school notes, and get school bags ready the night before.



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*The St Paul's Community acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we teach, learn and pray.
We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait people have to Country and pay our respects to
Elders, past and present as we commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.*

