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Thursday 15th October, 2026

Dear Families & Friends of St. Paul's,

Let us begin with a prayer,

A Family Meditation

Sit quietly on your chair, with feet on the floor and hands in your lap. (Pause)

Close your eyes and slow your breathing into a gentle rhythm.

Breathe in and out slowly (3-4 times).

Breathe in the saving grace of God. (Pause)

Breathe out your worry and stress. (Pause)

Breathe in the saving grace of God. (Pause)

Breathe out your hurt and tears. (Pause)

Breathe in the saving grace of God. (Pause)

Breathe out your concerns and fears. (Pause)

Breathe in the saving grace of God. (Pause)

Breathe out your anxiety and tension. (Pause)

And know that you are deeply loved. (Pause)

O Lord, my God, Wipe away the pain in my heart, Fill my soul with peace.

With Christ beside me, our lives are formed in faith, hope and love.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Families and friends,

Some of you may be aware of the recent budget pressures on all Victorian Catholic schools. We are responding to rising operating costs, broader economic pressures, funding pressures and the negotiation of the new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement for our staff. Victorian Catholic schools are committed to paying staff the same wages and salaries as those in the Government sector. Our increasingly healthy budget situation will help us get through these difficult times with little operational impact while supporting salary increases for our staff to recognise their work and allow them to continue to deliver a high quality catholic education. The main change in 2027 will be the closure of our in-house canteen. In its place will be an external provider delivering nutritious and various lunch packs. More information will follow. Despite these budget pressures, St Paul's will remain a thriving learning community where Chris Lives In Us.

Peace,
Mr Patrick Pantalone
Principal

TERM 4 DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

Thursday 8th: Market Manoeuvres Incursion for Grade 6

Monday 19th: Courage to Care Incursion for Grade 5/6

Wednesday 20th: Regional Athletics

Friday 22nd: Mission Mass at 9.30am

Friday 30th: D Day for Daniel

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd: School Closure Day (No Students)

Tuesday 3rd: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Friday 6th: Kaboom Sports Day

Monday 9th: 2027 Prep Orientation Session #1

Monday 16th: 2027 Prep Orientation Session #2

Tuesday 17th: Grade 6 Water Safety Excursion

Monday 23rd: 2027 Prep Orientation Session #3

Monday 30th: Grade 6 Luna Park Day

Monday 30th: 2027 Prep Orientation Session #4

DECEMBER

Friday 4th: St Paul's Christmas Carols 5-8pm

Monday 7th: School Closure Day (No students)

Thursday 10th: Grade 6 Graduation Mass

Friday 11th: Last day of school for Grade 6

Friday 11th: End of Year Mass, 9.30am

Monday 14th: Step Up Day & 2027 Prep Orientation Session #5

Tuesday 15th: Last Day of School, 1.40pm finish.

**Please note that these dates and times may vary.
We will inform the community of any changes.*

SUN SMART REMINDER

In term 4, the sun begins to shine brighter and the days grow longer and warmer.

A sun safety reminder: all students are required to wear their school hats while outside and during outdoor activities.

Wearing a hat is a vital part of our SunSmart policy, helping protect students from harmful UV rays while they enjoy recess, lunch breaks, PE lessons, and other outdoor events. You also may want to provide sunscreen in your child's bag or put sunscreen on them in the morning.

What You Need to Know:

Hats are compulsory whenever students are outside. Students without hats will be asked to stay in a designated shaded area.

Please check that your child's hat is clearly labelled with their name on it.

Let's work together to keep our school community safe and sun-smart.



WHAT'S THE BUZZ AT ST PAUL'S IN TERM FOUR

YEAR 6 MARKET MANOEUVRES INCURSION

On Thursday, the 8th of October, our Year 6 students were involved in a marketing incursion.

Alice led the students to learn about budgeting, supply and demand, needs and wants.

This will help the students learn how they should budget leading up to their
Market Day Stall later this term.

Find out what some of the students learnt!

The Market Day incursion taught me a lot of things. It taught me about supply, demand, marketing skills and how to collaborate in groups. There were also a lot of fun games to interact with. (Evangelina)

The Market Day inclusion taught me strategies on how to be responsible with money.

Alice had fun games to show us. (Georgia)

During the Market Day incursion I learnt about taxes and profit. (Daniel)

During the Market Day incursion, I learnt that we need to use our money wisely and that we should not spend our money carelessly. (Alexander Le)

During the Market Day incursion, I learnt that the money you earn, you don't get to keep it all, some of it goes to taxes. (Lyanna)

**The official date for the Year 6 Market Day is
Friday, the 20th of November.**



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Child Safe Standard 9

“Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.”

As Catholic educators, we have a moral, mission-driven, and legal responsibility to ensure the safety and wellbeing of every student entrusted to our care.

Our commitment to child safety includes creating and maintaining safe physical spaces and responsible online environments where children can learn, play, and connect with confidence. This means thoughtfully designing school spaces, supervising activities, and using digital technologies in ways that protect children's dignity, privacy, and wellbeing.

By actively identifying and reducing risks in both physical and online settings, our schools foster environments where children feel safe, supported, and able to thrive. Child safety is not only reflected in policies, but in everyday practices, supervision, and decision-making across the school community.

This newsletter series provides an overview of what the Child Safe Standards are, how they help keep children and young people safe, and how schools governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) are prioritising and achieving this.

Overview of the Child Safe Standards:

The Victorian Child Safe Standards are a set of 11 minimum requirements that all organisations working with children must adhere to.

These standards are designed to:

- Promote the participation and empowerment of children, young people and their families
- Prevent harm and abuse of children and young people
- Ensure child safety is a shared responsibility
- Support the wellbeing of all children, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and children with disabilities

These standards apply to all school staff, volunteers, contractors, and anyone working with children in schools.

As Pope Francis reminds us, “Safeguarding minors and vulnerable persons must be a priority for everyone in the Church” (May 5, 2023). Child Safe Standard 9 reflects this call by emphasising that children are safest when the environments around them, both physical and online, are intentionally designed to protect and support them. Grounded in our Catholic mission, this standard invites us to act with care, vigilance, and responsibility, so that every child experiences school as a place of safety, dignity, and belonging.

Why are safe physical and online environments important?

Children spend a significant part of their lives at school and online. When school spaces, and digital platforms, are well designed, appropriately supervised, and used responsibly, risks are reduced and wellbeing is strengthened.

Safe environments help prevent harm before it occurs and ensure children feel secure, respected, and confident to participate fully in learning and relationships. This includes balancing safety with children's rights to privacy, access to information, social connection, and learning opportunities.

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Why is it important to identify and manage risks?

Proactively identifying and managing risks helps schools respond early to potential concerns and prevent unsafe situations from developing. When risks are recognised and addressed thoughtfully, children are better protected and supported, and families can trust that safety is a priority.

Spotlight on Child Safe Standard 9

"Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed."

Child Safe Standard 9 focuses on how school environments; classrooms, playgrounds, excursions, camps, and digital spaces - are designed, supervised, and used. When schools take a proactive approach to safety in all environments, children feel secure, confident, and supported to learn and grow.

What does this look like?

- **Safe physical spaces:** School buildings, playgrounds and facilities are designed and maintained to reduce risks and promote wellbeing.
- **Appropriate supervision:** Staff actively supervise students during school activities, breaks, excursions and events.
- **Responsible use of technology:** Clear expectations guide the safe and respectful use of online platforms and digital tools.
- **Risk management planning:** Schools identify and manage risks linked to activities, settings and environments.
- **Working with others safely:** When schools engage third-party providers or facilities, child safety is prioritised through clear procurement and safety requirements.

How Parents, Carers and Guardians can get involved:

Child Safe Standard 9 works best when schools, families, and staff work together to ensure children's safety.

Families can help by:

- **Talking with your child:** Encourage conversations about school, friendships, and online experiences.
- **Supporting safe online behaviour:** Discuss digital safety, privacy, and respectful online communication at home.
- **Raising concerns early:** Contact the school if you notice anything that may affect your child's safety or wellbeing.
- **Partnering with the school:** Work collaboratively with staff to support safe environments for all children.

Want to know more?

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how we support child safety, please contact your school directly. More information about the Child Safe Standards is available through the [Social Services Regulator](#)

Additional Resources

The e-Safety Commission has a huge amount of resources designed to support and assist parents with issues related to online safety, including Webinars, toolkits, FAQs about social media, Gaming and many more, these can be found here:

[e-Safety Commission - Parents Resources](#)

The Australian Government Signals Directorate also provides a significant amount of information and guidance for parents regarding cyber safety; these resources can be found here:

[ASD: Protect your Family](#)

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INSTAGRAM

Join Our School on Instagram!

We're excited to share the wonderful moments and special events happening at our school!

Follow us on our school Instagram page, to see photos and highlights of our students' learning and achievements and celebrations within our school community.

Stay connected and celebrate with us.

Share in the joy of our school community.

We'd love for you to like, follow and share our page with family and friends so everyone can be part of the journey!

Find us here: @sp_kealba.

Install the Instagram APP to follow our photos and videos.

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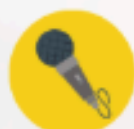
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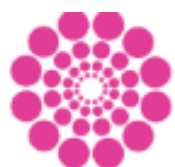


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