

District of the Pacific Update



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St. Paul College



Headmaster's Message

From Br Richard D



As the year slowly winds down, it is only right that we take time to recognise the contributions made by our Year 13 students in the time they have been at St Paul's and farewell them. These young men have grown in wisdom and stature over time and have rallied to enhance the traditions that have existed here at St Paul's College. They have been role models and brothers to the students who have joined us, as they progressed through the college.

They have built strong relationships with their teachers and strengthened life long bonds with their peers. We are blessed by their presence here and wish them well as they complete their external examinations at this time.

Last week we had the opportunity to host our 2022 Leavers' Liturgy and Dinner at our St Paul's College Chapel and Br Anselm Hall. This was time for a moment of prayer and for our young men to lift their voices in praise to fill the evening air with the sounds of beautiful singing. To witness all of this were our dear parents and families of our Year 13 men. In the chapel we heard from our two Deputy Head Prefects, Loshauce Leaso and Jaydeee Auloa as they expressed their thanks to our staff and for the sacrifices their parents have made over the years. Following the liturgy, we were able to celebrate their time at the college with a sumptuous dinner in our Br Anselm Hall. Here Head Prefect William Piliu shared his time at the college and expressed his gratitude to staff, the college and his parents in a very touching message. Mr Leaso, the father of Loshauce spoke on blossomed into young men ready to take on the next stage of their lives. We were blessed to have Br Collin speak to our young men and their families and bless Bibles which he presented to each of our Year 13 students.

He has been a defining part of their journey here at St Paul's and his advice was deeply appreciated.

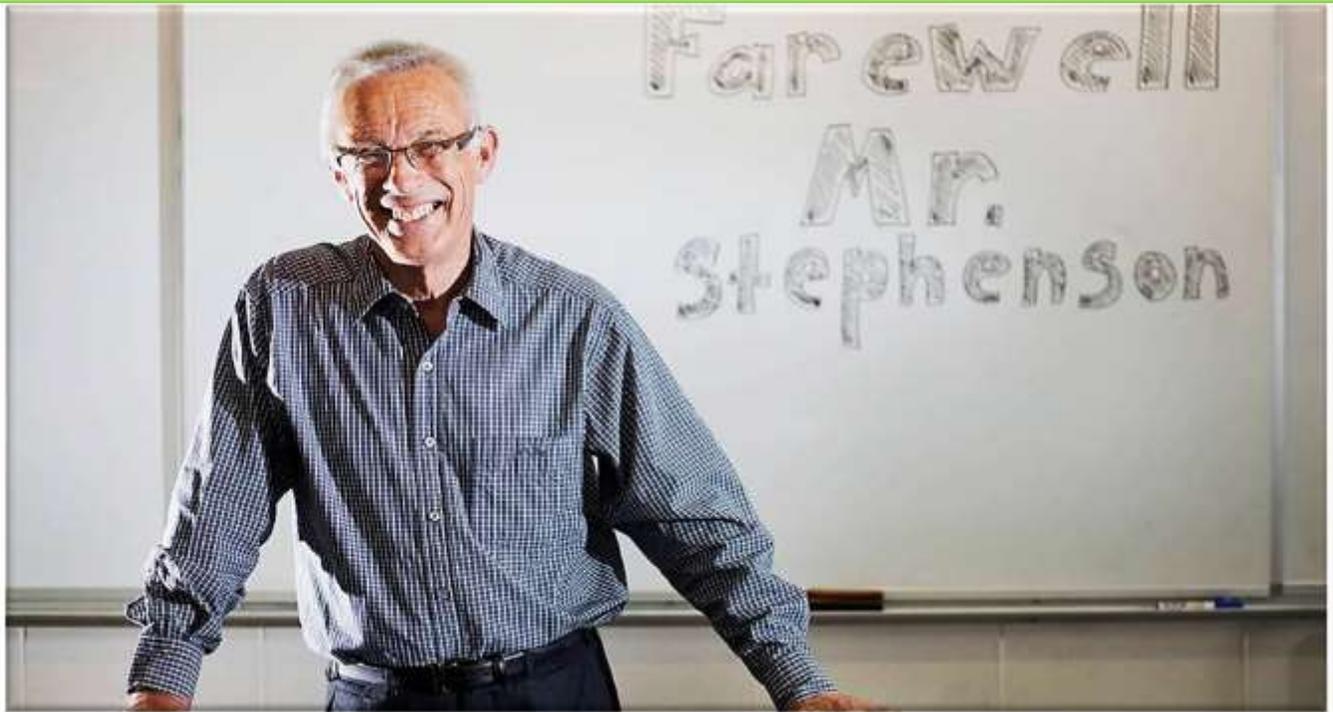
I had the opportunity to speak to the gathering, thanked the young men for their contributions across all aspects of college life, and commended them for their many successes across academics, sport and cultural aspects of the college. On behalf of the staff and students of St Paul's College, I farewelled them and encouraged them to face the next chapter of their lives with courage and confidence, being of service to humanity and living the true St Paul's values that have been instilled in them here. I thanked the parents and families for entrusting these young men into our care and for their unconditional support over the years.

Once more on behalf of St Paul's College I farewell our young men and wish them every success in their futures. We pray a special blessing on each of them and their families.

Confortare Esto Vir. Take Courage, Be a Man.
Peace and Blessings
K F Simento
Headmaster



The Update marks the passing of Mr. Brian Stephenson, R.I.P., who was an inspiring teacher at St Paul's College and Marcellin College. We offer our condolences to the staff, students and wider communities of these Marist schools. Both communities are left with beautiful memories of Brian. May our loving Lord grant him eternal rest.





Baptism Liturgy



Images from another memorable year in the life of St Paul's College.



Community Service



The Great Recycling Myth

From Br Chris P

Many countries like to boast about their progressive waste management and high recycling rates. Sweden, South Korea, and Germany are among them, and Germany is often celebrated as a world champion for recycling. However, the high recycling rates for plastic waste could be misleading. This number is taken from the volume of waste that arrives at the recycling plants, but not everything is recycled through material recovery. This number is the amount of waste at the beginning of the lengthy sorting process, at the end only a fraction of that waste is reused. What remains is incinerated, i.e., “recycled” through energy recovery.

Environmental organizations such as the Friends of the Earth Germany estimate that less than 16% of the recyclable waste earmarked for recycling in Germany can be reused. The biggest problem is caused by mixtures of recyclable materials in items such as a yogurt pot with a cardboard sleeve and aluminium lid. If these are not separated before arrival, there is a high probability it will be registered at the recycling plant but will still end up being incinerated.

Small, very thin materials and some food packaging are difficult to recycle, as their reprocessing needs sophisticated technologies that are not easily available. The challenging recycling process is subsequently reflected in the price of secondary raw materials making these highly uncompetitive on the market.

So, even recycling isn't as good as we are led to believe - we'll have to look more towards re-using or re-purposing where we can, recognising that recycling is very limited! That's a challenge, very suitable for young people (and even more mature ones) to offer ideas.

