

*Your Gateway to the World*



**St Paul's**  
International College

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## International College

A Catholic Co-educational Boarding School for  
Local & International Students from Years 7 – 12

 Moss Vale NSW Australia





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# Principal's Welcome



St Paul's International College has long stood as a place of learning, unity, and transformation. From its roots as a convent to its evolution into a modern global school, our story is one of vision, daring, and deep care for the whole person.

Established in Moss Vale on the foundations laid by the Dominicans and continued by the Sisters of St Paul, our school promotes the transcendental values of truth, goodness, and unity. These values have guided generations of students from far and wide to form a community that is diverse yet united by purpose.

At its heart, St Paul's is a school that shapes not just scholars, but good people. We believe education should form character as well as the mind. We nurture leadership through service, encourage self-discovery through an inclusive learning environment, and prepare our students to live with integrity, courage, and meaning.

Here at St Paul's, we aim to equip our students with the skills to meet the many and varied challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Our students are drawn from a broad range of ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Here, they are able to gain a clearer understanding of and respect for difference while celebrating and strengthening the values that we all share. In doing so, they widen their intellectual horizons and build an awareness of their individual and collective responsibilities as global citizens.

For local families from the Southern Highlands, Sydney and regional NSW, St Paul's offers a reassuring choice close to home – a close-knit day school, a nurturing boarding option that balances independence with community, and a parkland campus of beautiful gardens, grounds and facilities.

For international students, these grounds provide the perfect environment to prepare for tertiary studies and beyond.

For both local and international students, we're your gateway to the world.

Rooted in Australian soil, with global reach and a Catholic heart, St Paul's is a place where students from all walks of life come together to help shape a better world.

**Join us and be inspired to learn, grow, and connect. Book a tour today!**

**Alexander Sumpter, College Principal**



# Mission and Vision



## Mission

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In an interconnected world, St Paul's International College provides opportunities for young people from diverse backgrounds to learn, grow, and connect. Grounded in the traditions of the Sisters of St Paul, we inspire students to transcend cultural divides and enrich the world with purpose and integrity.



## Vision

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St Paul's delivers a transformative education through the pursuit of truth, goodness, and unity. The Sisters of St Paul have built a nurturing environment built on compassion and service, where every student is known, valued, and empowered to thrive. Our education fosters confidence, open-mindedness, resilience, and empathy, equipping students to succeed academically and make a meaningful impact, locally and globally.





# Core Values



## Truth – Be Inspired to Learn

We spark curiosity and a passion for knowledge, empowering students to grow with confidence and wisdom.

## Goodness – Be Inspired to Grow

We nurture compassion and empathy, guiding students to become leaders who serve others with integrity.



## Unity – Be Inspired to Connect

We celebrate diversity and create community, fostering deep connections that prepare students for an interdependent world.





# History

St Paul's International College was established in 1986 by the Sisters of St Paul de Chartres, a Catholic order of Sisters founded in France in 1696.

The heritage-listed main building was originally a spa retreat called Elm Court House, before becoming a Dominican Convent and secondary girls' boarding school, Mount St Mary's Convent School in 1891.

With a worldwide congregation of over 4000, a few courageous Sisters came to Australia in 1984 to start a school dedicated to internationalism. With the Convent School closing in the 1970s, the Moss Vale location offered the Sisters a foundation of faith and education on which to build their new institution: a daring project of vision and dedication.

Over 40 years, St Paul's has grown into a vibrant co-educational day and boarding school, welcoming local and international students onto a transformative journey grounded in truth, goodness, and unity.



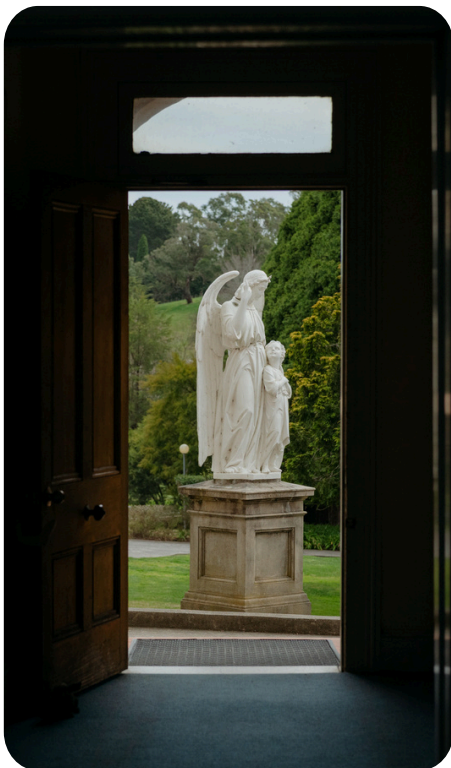


# Location

Nestled in the heart of Moss Vale, St Paul's spans 35 acres of serene gardens and grounds, just 90 minutes from Sydney and 300m from Moss Vale train station. Perfect for local families seeking a peaceful and accessible education close to home, or boarding families looking for a homely haven far enough away from a major city without being isolated.

Sydney, Canberra and the beaches of Wollongong are all close and easily accessible for personal leave and school excursions.

On campus, our facilities include modern classrooms with smartboards, science labs, art centres, up-to-date computer labs, indoor and outdoor sports facilities, a heritage-listed chapel, clinic, renovated boarding houses and dining rooms. We provide everything needed for holistic growth in a safe, supportive setting.



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# Why St Paul's ?

*Here, every student is known, valued, and empowered to thrive – preparing them to make a meaningful impact, locally and globally.*

## A Global Experience

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Drawing from a mix of Australian and international backgrounds, our boarding and day students learn to appreciate cultural diversity while celebrating the shared values that bind us as children of God. For local families in the Southern Highlands and beyond, this global perspective enriches everyday learning, fostering mutual respect, enduring friendships, and a deep sense of belonging.

## All-Round Development

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Guided by our Catholic values and the compassion of the Sisters of St Paul, our collaborative atmosphere cultivates leadership, creativity, and resilience, providing opportunities for students to shine in all areas – from academics to personal growth. Our holistic education includes sports, the arts, community service and outreach. Whether building lifelong friendships or discovering their unique gifts, students at St Paul's develop into principled individuals ready to serve others with integrity and purpose.



## Academic Excellence

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St Paul's is an environment designed for academic success. We want every student who joins us to have dreams for their future and to try their very best to reach their potential. This goal is reflected in our facilities, our broad subject offering with specialist teachers, our dedication to individual student support, our commitment to small classes to ensure every student is known and engaged, and our focus is on student application and effort.

As a result, our students overwhelmingly exceed their own expectations. Over its 40-year history, 95% of graduates have progressed to university. Of that number, the vast majority have gained entry to Australia's Group of Eight institutions in Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne.

With our local students learning Chinese and our international students mastering English, they are all learning how to learn. This is vital in an increasingly changing world where adaptability will be the key to their success. We are equipping young minds with the confidence and the skills to excel through their education and beyond.

## Pastoral Care

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Over 40 years, we have created and fostered a safe and supportive environment where every student is truly known. As such, the support and guidance for our students is not the domain of one single person. Our size is also our strength in this area. Every staff member has the primary duty to care for and guide the young people under our tutelage.



We also have specific staff dedicated to student support. Years 7-10 have a dedicated Junior Co-ordinator, and Years 11 & 12 have a dedicated Senior Co-ordinator, both of whom play an important support role for each and every student, and a point of contact for parents, teachers and boarding staff. Our boarding students also have a Youth Worker who plays a valuable role in student support and pastoral care, and our Head of Religion and our wonderful team of Sisters are a constant presence of guidance and a source of individual support for all our students.

Overall, our pastoral care program weaves together the spiritual, academic, social, and emotional threads of school life. The nurturing space we have created gives students the confidence to seek support when needed, and allows staff a positive setting to have difficult conversations and effect discipline that is restorative rather than punitive.



# Academic Curriculum

St Paul's is accredited by NESA (the NSW Education Standards Authority) to offer and conduct the following three courses;

- Years 7-10 Junior Secondary School (CRICOS Code 063101G),
- Years 11 & 12 NSW Higher School Certificate (CRICOS Code 063102F) and
- English Language Bridging Course for Secondary School (ELICOS Code 031263J).

## Years 7-10 Junior Secondary School

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The College follows the NESA curriculum and requirements for mandatory subjects, weeks and hours of face-to-face teaching;

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Geography
- PDHPE
- Music
- Design & Technology
- Creative Arts, incl. Visual Art, Drama and Music

The College also conducts Religion classes for all year groups, Chinese for local students, English language support for overseas students and a wide variety of elective subjects for Years 9 & 10 students;

- Commerce
- Visual Design
- Art Computing
- Information Software Technology
- Design & Technology
- Drama
- Work Education

To be eligible to enter Year 7, students must have completed Year 6 or equivalent. To enter any subsequent year group, students must have completed the previous year or equivalent.

For overseas enrolments, students must be able to demonstrate an appropriate level of English language proficiency appropriate to the NESA or ELICOS course they wish to study.

For students enrolling in Years 7 and 8, the College will consider the English language results of their final year of primary school or the first year of high school. Students applying for entry into Years 9, 10 or 11 must demonstrate an English language result of no less than 60% in their last school report.

Students who have undertaken either an AEAS test, an IELTS test OR English language course may also submit those results upon application. An applicant's English language level may also be determined by an ESL specialist from the College through an interview and internal test.

## **Years 11 & 12 NSW Higher School Certificate**

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The HSC is Australia's most popular school-leaver's certificate and is a globally recognised university entry qualification. All students who complete the HSC at St Paul's will be eligible for an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) to gain entry to Australian universities.

To complete the HSC, students at St Paul's must study the following subjects;

- English – Advanced, Standard or EAL/D
- Mathematics – Advanced or Standard
- Religion Studies

As well as four of the following elective subjects across four broad subject areas;

- Humanities – Economics, Legal Studies, Business Studies and/or Modern History
- Sciences – Physics, Chemistry and/or Biology
- Design & Technology – Enterprise Computing, Industrial Technology Multimedia and/or Visual Art
- Languages – Japanese Beginners, Chinese Continuers and/or Chinese Literature

The College also offers extension courses in English and Mathematics.

## **English Language Bridging Course for Secondary School**

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The College is an ELICOS-accredited provider offering a bridging course to develop the necessary language skills to participate in mainstream Australian schooling and subsequent university studies.

Our bridging courses are intensive programs that focus on the four language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. On successful completion of the bridging course, students progress to the relevant NSW high school course: Years 7-10 or Years 11 & 12.





# Co-Curricular Activities

Outside the classroom, St Paul's offers enriching co-curricular activities that build resilience, teamwork, and joy – tailored for local and international students alike. From soccer, tennis, and basketball on our expansive fields to arts programs in drama, music, and visual arts, we encourage exploration and growth.

We also run a distinct co-curricular carnival each term with its own preparation and lead-in program: swimming, music, cross-country and athletics.



Beyond sport and the arts, St Paul's offers a series of co-curricular camps and retreats, from a local farm experience for our junior students, through to a leadership retreat, an outdoor education camp and the annual Gold Coast trip for senior students, the Duke of Edinburgh program as part of the Year 9 curriculum, and annual cultural exchange opportunities for Years 10 & 11.

Added to this is a program of community service and engagement, and excursions to major cities, the beach and the bush, combining to offer a broad and rich experience that complements and enhances the academic program.





# Student Wellbeing

At St Paul's, we actively promote the idea that happy and healthy students will live, learn and grow more effectively. Student wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do. We weave pastoral care into our daily life to nurture spiritual, emotional and social growth.

Grounded in Catholic values, our wellbeing program includes our junior students having specific classes aimed at building confidence, open-mindedness, resilience and empathy. This program complements Religion Studies, which aims to equip our students with contextual knowledge, compassion and understanding, and a greater sense of social justice.



Students are also provided with whole-school and year-group specific meetings on contemporary issues and concerns, health advice, anti-bullying and community-building promotions, community service initiatives, subject selections, organisation and time-management, study skills, university options and pathway advice. All of this against a backdrop of joy. We aim to make every day enjoyable, in and out of the classroom.



# Boarding at St Paul's

St Paul's boarding is more than just accommodation – it's a nurturing home that fosters a healthy balance of independence and community. This ensures that students benefit from the challenges of living away from home while enjoying the necessary supports to navigate those challenges.

The College has a standalone separate boarding house for both the boys and the girls, with live-in staff who are on-hand 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to supervise, support, lead and care for our students. This staffing and care extends to a full-time Youth Worker, an on-site clinic with trained staff, access to health services when needed, including transport, leave approval processes, and open communication with home and with support staff within the day school.



Both boarding houses are equipped with individual rooms for every student, renovated bathrooms and laundries, common areas, sports and recreational equipment, TV rooms, kitchenettes and tea rooms, surrounded by sports fields and gardens.

Our boarding community is a vibrant place with afternoon activities, team sports and weekend excursions on offer. However, there is also a formal study program in place, supported by our supervisors and subject tutorials.

Most importantly, our students are catered for by an amazing team of international chefs and are served three meals a day plus morning tea in the College dining room. The menu is varied, nutritious and greatly appreciated by the students.

All of this combined gives our families peace of mind that their children are well-housed, well-fed and safe within a community that prioritises student wellbeing, health and care. The Sisters have established a wonderful culture of student leadership, mutual support and care that ensures a sense of home away from home.



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