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From the Principal

Old Paradians Luncheon

Today, I had the privilege of attending the monthly Old Paradians luncheon at the RACV Club in Melbourne. This luncheon has been a regular fixture on the Old Paradians calendar for many years. It has been strongly supported by many Old Paradians over the years and the feeling of gratitude and mateship within the room is obvious.



Above: Guests at the monthly Old Paradians' Luncheons

There is a real sense of pride in being an 'Old Paradian,' and many stories are shared - stories of how Old Paradians were helping other Old Paradians and supporting those on the margins in society. As is customary at the November luncheon, I was able to provide an update on what a contemporary education at Parade College looks like in 2024, and I am pleased to say that our Alumni were very impressed with what we are offering our students today.

The breadth of curriculum offerings and lots of extra-curricular activities were acknowledged and I received many comments from the attendees who wished some of the offerings were available in their time at Parade. It was a wonderful luncheon, and we look forward to welcoming back many Old Paradians to our College events in the future. An open invitation exists for them to join one of our College tours.

Student Examinations and Preparing for 2025

We continue to pray for our Year 12 students who are still completing their VCAA Examinations, commencing work or starting apprenticeships. Our Year 10 and 11 students are currently completing their own internal VCE examinations, and the Year 8 and 9 students will commence their exams shortly. Best wishes to all our students.

Over the next couple of weeks, there are different programs across all Year levels, as we prepare our students for the rigours of 2025. On Monday 25 November, our 2025 classes commence and run for two weeks for our current Year 7 to 11 students who will be returning in 2025. The final day of these classes will be on Friday 6 December.

Student Free Day

Next Friday will be a student-free day as our teaching staff complete a number of academic and administration tasks related to their classes and student reporting. The day will provide our students with an additional day to prepare for commencement classes starting on Monday 25 November.

Carols Under the Cross

Our traditional Christmas Carols event will be held on Wednesday 27 November. We look forward to many families and friends attending to support our wonderful musicians and staff.

Mr Mark Aiello
Principal



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Calendar

The following important dates in the College calendar can also be found on our website under the 'News' tab

14 November	* Year 7 and 8 Semi Finals
	* Year 7 ACER Test Period
15 November	* OPA Golf Day
	* Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
	* 2025 Musical Auditions Call-Backs
18-21 Nov	* Year 10 Work Experience
18 November	* Year 11 Student Free Day (Bundoora Students)
	* Year 8 and 9 Exams Commence
19 November	* Year 11 Student Free Day (Bundoora Students)
	* Homework Club
	* Year 9 and 10 Sport Finals
20-22 Nov	* Year 12 2025 Commencement Camp
20 November	* Homework Club
21 November	* Family Tour
	* Year 7 and 8 Sport Finals
22 November	* Student Free Day
	* OPA One Year Reunion
25 Nov-6 Dec	* Year 8-12 2025 Commencement Classes
25 November	* Year 7-10 ACC Awards Evening
	* Finance Committee Meeting
	* Musical Read-Through
26 November	* Homework Club
27 November	* Year 9 ExCEL Orientation Day 1
	* Homework Club
28 November	* Christmas Party for the Elderly
2 December	* School Advisory Council End of Year Dinner
3 December	* Homework Club
4 December	* Year 9 ExCEL Orientation Day 2
	* Homework Club
	* OPA Christmas Dinner
6 December	* Term 4 Concludes



From the Assistant Principal - Teaching and Learning

2025 Commencement Classes

2025 Commencement Classes begin on Monday 25 November until 6 December. All students continuing at Parade in 2025 are required to attend school for these Commencement Classes. It is important to note that teachers will not repeat lessons regarding this information when school returns in 2025.

To support your child's learning during the commencement period, your child's teachers will provide access to the necessary course material if not already available to students. Commencement timetables will be visible on SIMON for students from Saturday 23 November.

When designing the College timetable, our main priority is to cater to student Elective preferences as much as we can while maintaining an even distribution of students across all classes. Other than for compelling cases, no further changes will be possible.

Resource lists for the 2025 Academic Year

Current Year 7 to 11 students should have received their subject allocations for 2025 from their Tutor Teachers. Students involved in ERPP, VCE VM, Sport Academy, and Business Academy follow prescribed courses and will not receive a printed subject list. However, as for all students, they will need the necessary resources listed on the relevant list. Resource lists were emailed to families earlier this month and are also available online at Campion Education www.campion.com.au.

Families should ensure that the correct code for each campus is used when ordering. Use the code "XK72" for the Bundoora Campus or "QKGK" for the Preston Campus to access these lists.

Mr Maurice Petruccelli
Assistant Principal - Teaching and Learning



From the Dean of Learning - Years 10 to 12

VCAA, VCE and VET Unit 3 and 4 Written Examinations

VCAA Exams continue until Wednesday 20 November. Students have been briefed on rules and procedures and are asked to gather in the exam assembly area 20 minutes before the start of their exam.

Students must bring a photo ID to each exam. Neat casual clothes are to be worn, keeping in mind that the temperature inside the Greening Auditorium will be 21 degrees regardless of how hot or cold the weather outside may be.

Year 12 teachers are available to meet with students in their regularly scheduled class times, until the exam day. Students are encouraged to meet with their teachers for feedback and support in the lead-up to these important exams.

Class of 2024 VCAA Results

VCE and VCE VM results will be released by VCAA on Thursday 12 December. The College will be offering both career counselling and emotional support in the following days. More information was contained in the letter to VCE students.

Information about the release of results is available here: <https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au/results/html/faqs.htm>.

Student Wellbeing Support and Careers Counselling

The College will be offering both career counselling and emotional support on Thursday 12 and Friday 13 December. More information was contained in the letter provided to VCE students, that was included with the graduation certificates, at the Valette Evening.

Years 10 and 11 Post Exam Period

Year 10 Examinations precede a week of Work Experience for Year 10 Bundoora students, beginning on Monday 18 November. Year 11 Exams are followed by the compulsory Year 12 (2025) Commencement Camp on 20 November to 22 November. Year 11 Bundoora (2024) students are not required to be at school on Monday 18 November and

Tuesday 19 November unless they are sitting a Unit 3 and 4 Examination on either day.

Year 12 2024 VCE and VCE VM Day at La Trobe University

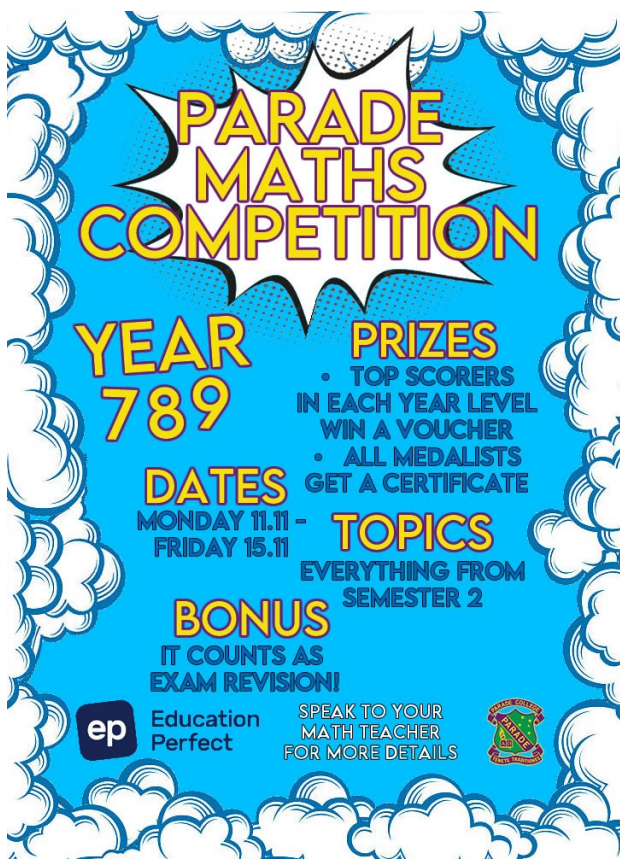
All Year 12 students will launch into their 2025 school year with a fantastic opening day at La Trobe University on Thursday 30 January. Guest presenters, past students, and staff from both La Trobe University and Parade will run a day that caters for all students in the Parade Class of 2025.

This is a compulsory event for all Year 12 students with the correct summer school uniform to be worn. Students will need to make their way to La Trobe University (Plenty Rd). We see this as a fantastic way to kick-start this important year of schooling.

More information will be sent to families regarding details, as well as a map of where students are to meet.

Mr James Fogarty

Dean of Learning - Years 10 to 12



A vibrant, comic-style poster for the 'Parade Maths Competition'. The background is blue with white cloud borders. The title 'PARADE MATHS COMPETITION' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, 'YEAR 789' is written in a similar style. The 'DATES' section states 'MONDAY 11.11 - FRIDAY 15.11'. The 'PRIZES' section lists 'TOP SCORERS IN EACH YEAR LEVEL WIN A VOUCHER' and 'ALL MEDALISTS GET A CERTIFICATE'. The 'TOPICS' section says 'EVERYTHING FROM SEMESTER 2'. A 'BONUS' section states 'IT COUNTS AS EXAM REVISION!'. At the bottom left is the 'ep Education Perfect' logo. At the bottom right is a small crest and the text 'SPEAK TO YOUR MATH TEACHER FOR MORE DETAILS'.



From the Dean of Learning - Years 7 to 9

Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 Semester 2 Examinations

Semester 2 examinations have commenced for students in Years 10 and 11.

During the examination period, Year 10 and 11 students are not required to attend school other than for scheduled examinations.

A correct summer uniform is required. Study Halls will be available for students who are on-site before or after a scheduled exam.

Year 8 and 9 students will have examinations during Week 7, and they will attend school as normal with regular timetabled lessons when they are not involved in an examination.

If a Year 8 or Year 9 student is unable to attend an examination, it will not be possible to have the exam rescheduled.

Where a student missed an exam due to an approved absence (eg; illness), they will receive the Grade 'X-Special Circumstance' on their report.

Examination Dates

Year 10 and 11	Wednesday 6 to Friday 15 November
Year 8 and 9	Monday 18 to Thursday 21 November

Upcoming Elevate Webinars

27 November	How you can build resilience in your child
11 December	How you can set your child up for success

Visit <https://go.elevateeducation.com/auschoolwebinars> to register for these free parent webinars.

Ms Nadia Bonvicino

Dean of Learning - Years 7 to 9



From the Dean of VCE Vocational Major

2025 VCE Vocational Major, Edmund Rice Pathways Program, Business Academy and Sport Academy Commencement Classes

Students enrolled in the Year 10 ERPP, Year 11 Business Academy and the Preston class of the Year 11 Sport Academy in 2025 will commence the program on Monday 25 November at the Preston Campus. Regular College summer uniform is to be worn. Further information regarding the Early Commencement Program will soon be sent to parents.

During the Commencement period, 2025 Year 11 and Year 12 VCE VM students will be on Work Placement and need to ensure that all necessary documentation has been submitted before commencing your work placement.

Mr Robert Gandolfo
Dean of VCE Vocational Major



From the Community Action Centre

Community Action Christmas Appeal

We are once again running our annual Community Action Christmas appeal. This year, we are partnering with four agencies that do incredible work in supporting those in need - particularly at Christmas.

Rizeup, Big Group Hug, Salvos, and Vinnies make a real difference in the lives of those in need. Let us come together as a school community to support those in need.

We are asking every student to bring in at least one donation. Your donations will benefit families facing hardships. Every gift counts, no matter how small!

The 2025 Prefect team has allocated different donation categories to each of the Houses of Parade College.

Bodkin House	Toiletries
Lynch House	Stationery
Treacy House	Toys and Books (good condition second-hand items are welcome!)
Nolan House:	Non-perishable groceries
Hughes House:	Non-perishable groceries
Preston	Stationery and small toys/books/ Non-perishable groceries

Every student who donates fifteen or more items gets an entry into the raffle to win a \$200 voucher to Funfields.

Donation boxes will be placed in each Tutor Group and Reception. Donations will be collected until the end of the Term. Donate today and help us share the joy of giving!

Let's make this Christmas a time of giving and hope! Together, we can make a real difference in our community. Spread the word, donate generously, and let's bring joy to those in need.

Ms Anne-Marie Morello
Community Action Convenor



From the Dean of Students - Year 9 and 10

Global Youth Forum 2024

Our Year 9 student leaders recently joined the online Global Youth Forum. It was an invaluable opportunity to build their leadership skills alongside peers from other schools. They explored key issues, including sustainability and public speaking. Below, Year 9 student Jake Freeman T16, writes about their involvement and the insights they gained from this global experience.



Above: Year 9 Student Leaders joining in on the Global Youth Forum

During Term 4, the Year 9 student leaders from Parade participated in a four-day conference series via Zoom, focused on leadership. These meetings included other student leaders from schools across Oceania and Asia. It was inspiring to see the Asian students confidently asking and answering questions in English, even though it isn't their primary language.

Throughout these sessions, the students explored the key traits of effective leadership, examined how racial stereotypes can lead to misjudgements, and learned new techniques for speaking to audiences in an engaging way. We shared their ideas through group discussions and interactive Padlet participation.

A major focus was on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), where students learned about various sustainability

topics and influential figures who have highlighted these issues. The Year 9 leaders collaborated to develop ideas and strategies for promoting sustainability within our school and local community.

Overall, these meetings have provided valuable insights, helping us gain a deeper understanding of what it truly means to be a leader.

Jake Freeman - Year 9 T16

Year 10 Proactive Policing Unit Presentation

Our Year 10 students recently attended an insightful presentation by the Proactive Policing Unit (PPU), led by local police officers. The session provided valuable guidance on cyber security and responsible social media use, emphasising the importance of safe online habits.



Above: Year 10 students listening to the most recent Protective Policing Unit Presentation

The Officers discussed key laws related to cyber activities, the potential consequences of misuse, and practical strategies to protect personal information. Students were also informed about resources and support services available to them if they encounter issues online.

This presentation was a fantastic opportunity for our students to deepen their understanding of digital safety and to develop the practices needed for responsible online behaviour.

Mr Cameron Elmore

Dean of Students - Years 9 and 10



From the Careers Centre

Work Experience

All Year 10 students at Bundoora Campus will be attending Work Experience between 18 and 21 November. Students must have all paperwork back to Mrs Bult or Ms Barnes by Wednesday 13 November.

VCE Students

Year 12 VTAC late applications are due between 1 November to 6 December

Accessing VCE Results 2024

VCE study scores, ATAR, and VTAC Scaled Study Scores will be available to students via the Results and ATAR website, and the Results and ATAR app, on Thursday 12 December 2024 at 7.00am.

Students will receive a statement of VCE Study Scores from the VCAA, and those who applied for courses through VTAC this year and have paid their VTAC processing fees will be sent an ATAR statement in the mail.

Students who wish to receive their results online will need to register at Results and ATAR before results are released.

<https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au/results/applicants.htm>.

Registrations are already open, and students are encouraged to register soon.

Students need their VCAA student number to register and will be requested to choose a secure password upon registering.

Mrs Liz Bult
Careers Leader



Reminder: VTAC 2025 Upcoming Key Dates



VTAC Personal Statement	Friday 6 December 2024
ATARs Released	Thursday 12 December 2024
Change of Preference (CoP) closes	Saturday 14 December 2024
December Round Offers	Monday 23 December 2024
January Round International Offers	Monday 6 January 2025
January Round Domestic Offers	Friday 10 January 2025
February Offer Rounds	Tuesday 4 February 2025 onwards

For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit [VTAC Course Updates](#).



From the Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing

SchoolTV Report: Vaping and E-Cigarettes

Over recent years, there has been a growing concern about the impending epidemic affecting young people in relation to the use of e-cigarettes and the trendy pastime of vaping. As this activity grows in popularity, most teenagers are unaware of the associated risks and the potential impact vaping can have on their development and overall health.

Discussions with students revealed students' risk-taking with vapes during Victoria's lockdown and remote learning, and many of these students were unaware of the nicotine content, consequently becoming addicted.

Vaping is the act of inhaling a vapour created by an electronic cigarette, or e-cigarette. Although vaping is often marketed as being the "healthy" alternative to smoking, doctors advise that if you do not smoke, then you should not start vaping. Although vaping products are infused with enticing flavours, many contain high levels of nicotine as well as other chemicals and additives, that when inhaled, can cause severe damage to the lungs.

Australia has strict regulations in place for nicotine-containing products and despite it being illegal to use, sell, or buy nicotine for use in e-cigarettes, users are purchasing these products through other avenues.

A recent Australian study of chemically flavoured liquids used in e-cigarettes which are available here for purchase over the counter, has confirmed concerns about their safety and respiratory health impact. Attempts are being made to regulate vaping and ban the importation of vape products containing nicotine.

Unfortunately, manufacturers are developing vaping devices that are cheaper and easier to hide than conventional cigarettes, making them more attractive and cost-effective for impressionable young people. Please use this link to view a clip on vaping and e-cigarettes.

https://parade.vic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-vaping-au

Our Lower School students viewed vaping educational material with their Tutor Teacher last Friday 8 November in their Pastoral Care Period.

Our Futures resource is based on the best available evidence and aligned with the Health and Physical Education curriculum. The Program aims to empower young people to say no to e-cigarettes and tobacco cigarettes and improve their health and wellbeing.

For more information, click here to download vaping fact sheets from the Victorian Government. <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/tobacco-reform/e-cigarettes-and-vaping>.

Or, if this Special Report has raised some issues, please seek support from your medical practitioner or one of the following services:

- Lung Foundation Australia 1800 654 301
- Quitline 13 78 48
- Poisons Information Line 13 11 26
- Alcohol and Drug Foundation 1300 85 85 84
- <https://www.tga.gov.au/products/unapproved-therapeutic-goods/vaping-hub/vapes-information-individuals-and-patients#possession-penalties>

Mr Jacob Williams

Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing



Sport Academy

Scholarship

Scholarships Available for 2025

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With the addition of full-time female students, we are excited to announce the Sport Academy Scholarship (all sports) for female students commencing at the Preston Campus in 2025 in the Tertiary Pathways Program.

This Scholarship recognises the foundation female students commencing at our Preston Campus in 2025, to nurture and encourage these students to succeed in their pursuit of excellence in their chosen sport.

Limited Positions Available

For more information:

e. enrol@parade.vic.edu.au

p. 9468 3300

*Subject to VRQA Approval

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From the Preston Campus

A wonderful celebration took place recently where the College was able to farewell our Year 12 students at the Valette evening. Our Preston VCE VM students proudly attended and were presented to the audience in their Tutor Groups.

They all presented themselves beautifully and proudly became our most recent Old Paradians. They are all well placed and prepared to take on the next part of their journey moving to employment through apprenticeships, or further education and training.

Students will leave the College with up to three completed VET programs, some of which will have commenced employment through school-based apprenticeships over the past 2 years.

On the evening, a number of Year 12 College awards were presented including, major awards for our VCE Vocational Major students.

I was proud to see Lucas Ackar T10 receive the 'Old Paradians' Association Outstanding VCE VM Student Award,' a truly worthy recipient. Patrick Levings B10 was awarded the Edmund Rice Shield. Bill Hohtoulas B10 was awarded the O'Shannessy Trade Excellence Award.

Another recipient was Christian Lattanzio H10, who was awarded the Nolan Cup. Bailey Rigoni H10 was also awarded a major College Award, the Principal's Award, which recognised his exemplary contribution to the College and our Preston Campus.

I was very appreciative of the leadership and support these young people provided the campus throughout the year.

Our Year 11 VCE VM students are currently concluding their studies for the year. They will attend their Year 12 Commencement Camp next week at Phillip Island. We wish those who are moving on to employment and not returning for Year 12, well.



Above: (L - R) Award winners Year 12 students Lucas Ackar T10, Patrick Levings B10, and Bill Hohtoulas B10



Above: (L - R) Award winners Year 12 students Bailey Rigoni H10 and Christian Lattanzio H10

Our Pathways students have made their VET subject selections as they prepare for the first year of their 2-year VCE VM program.

They will also undertake their final work placement to conclude the year.

Mrs Kim Nicholls
Student Wellbeing Leader Preston Campus
Year 11 and 12

Congratulations!



From the Old Paradians' Association

The Old Paradians' Association held two of the three last reunions for the year in recent weeks. The 1994 30-year reunion was held at the Old England Hotel's E-Bar where over sixty old collegians were in attendance.

It was a wonderful night. The atmosphere in the room was one of great spirit where stories and experiences were shared. College Vice Captain of 1994 Daniel Harford addressed the gathering with some reflections on his time at the College. Overwhelmingly, there was a sense of gratitude and love for the times spent and the opportunities created. Celebrations continued into the early hours!



Above: The Class of 1994 at their reunion

Last week, we united the 1984 Year 12 class for their 40-year reunion. Over forty were in attendance. College Captain John Belleville spoke of his journey and the appreciation he has for the College. He reflected on the journey to date, what lies ahead, and the joy of reconnecting with classmates after so many years.

Over 100 past students have now attended our last two reunions. The level of appreciation to the College and the Old Paradians' Association for organising these events is substantial and the Association enjoys organising these events.



Above: The Class of 1984 at their reunion

We are organising a get-together for the 2023 Year 12 students at Welcome to Thornbury on Friday 22 November. This will be an informal gathering, and we hope to see as many of the group there as we can. Old Paradians' Association Committee member, and 2023 College Captain Matthew Warke, is assisting with communications and is looking forward to the catchup.

Mr John Nicholls
Alumni Officer

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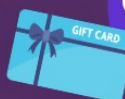
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