# St Paul's Drouin Campus Update

# Excitement is building...

It is with great excitement that we provide an update on the works to prepare for the opening of our new Drouin Campus in January.

You may have observed the busy pace of construction on the new school site off McGlone Road! Currently, you can get the best view heading into Melbourne on the M1, looking to the left after the Drouin/ Robin Hood exit. You can also view our latest drone footage <u>here.</u>

The entire site cut for all stages of the Junior School master plan has been completed. This will be highly beneficial as minimal earthworks will be needed as each stage of the development progresses in coming years.

We are thrilled that our fourclassroom Early Learning Centre and playgrounds are progressing rapidly and ahead of schedule. Two ELC playground areas are already visible, one landscaped extensively to support nature play and the second providing an open, flexible outdoor space suitable for a range of physical activities. The entrance to the ELC will become a welcoming central gathering space with adjacent meeting and community rooms.

Offering single classes at Pre-Prep and Pre-Kinder during 2025, this facility will also be accessed by Primary students for Music and Art and host the Out of School Hours Care program.

Our expansive purpose-built fourclassroom primary building has been constructed off-site, and includes a large collaborative space, student amenities and areas to shelter outdoors.

Come the end of this week, this building will be reassembled on-site, before verandahs and landscaping are added ready for occupation at the start of 2025. We will send you a link to updated drone footage showing the placement of this building and new developments in coming weeks.



The Primary School will have two ovals to use from the beginning of next year. A hard-court surface is in place, playgrounds and paths have been installed and extensive grassed and landscaped areas are taking shape.

Building will continue into 2026, with an additional six-classroom facility to be constructed, providing students with extensive classroom and specialist areas as they move through their primary education.

Rowan van Raay, Head of School



## **Drouin Campus Update Continued...**

#### **Enrolments**

First round offers have been sent to enrolled families and interviews have commenced with our Head of School, Mr Rowan van Raay and Director of Early Learning, Ms Richelle Harris at our Drouin site office near the new campus.

Families yet to accept their offer of place are encouraged to do so as soon as possible so that all families can attend our upcoming Parent Information Evening.

Enrolments for 2025 are still being accepted, and families considering 2026 and beyond are also encouraged to apply now.

Should you require more information, please call our Enrolments Team on 5623 5833.

#### **New Site Office**

Have you seen that our new site office is open? You can now come and visit us at McGlone Road in Drouin between 9am and 12pm every Wednesday and Thursday during school terms. Pop in and chat with our staff and see detailed plans of the new campus.

## **Information Evening**

It was fabulous to see so many of our enrolled families, and lots of new faces at our Information Evening last month.

There was a wonderful energy around the room, filled with conversation as families mingled with one another and our staff in a relaxed environment.

Families were able to gain a deeper understanding of what our new campus will offer, while the children in attendance were entertained with a range of activities with the help of some of our Year 6 students from the Warragul Campus.

The Information Evening was an opportunity for families to learn about the latest building developments, meet some St Paul's staff, and also connect with each other as we build our St Paul's Drouin community.

#### **Before & After School Care**

A major step has been taken to secure a Before and After School Care provider. Our current provider at the Warragul and Traralgon campuses, Club House Boot Camp, are excited to be extending their service to our Drouin Campus from next year. During school terms, after hours care will be available for all children in the ELC and Junior School.

Club House Boot Camp also run School Holiday programs at our Warragul and Traralgon Campuses.

Please visit their website should you require further information as registration and enrolment are separate to St Paul's.

#### **School Uniform**

Our current school uniform provider Dobsons will also be supplying uniforms for our Drouin students.

Families can access uniform and a personal fitting session at our Warragul Campus and orders can also be placed online. Dobsons will be offering a pop-up shop at some of our upcoming events.

Families are invited to take advantage of a Dobsons Pay Early special until 3 November 2024. You can view the Dobson's 2025 price list here.



# **Important Transition Information**

As the new school year approaches, we look forward to welcoming our enrolled families to a range of fun, community-building and transition events as schedule below:

## **Upcoming Dates (Enrolled Families)**

#### 2024

- ELC & Prep-Year 2 Information Evening (enrolled families only) Wednesday 16 October at Drouin Golf Club
- ELC Prep Play Afternoons Wednesday 23 & 30 October
- Prep Transition Wednesday 6, 13, 20 & 27 November
- ELC Transition Wednesday 27 November
- Year 1, 2 & 3 Orientation Day Wednesday 27 November
- Parent Meet the Teacher Interviews Thursday 5 December

#### 2025

- Drouin Campus Play in the Park Wednesday 22 January 9:30am-11:00am
- Welcome Afternoon on Campus Monday 30 January 2:00pm-4:00pm
- First day of Term 1 for the Junior School Friday 31 January
- First day of Term 1 for the ELC Monday 3 February
- Wednesday rest days for Preps during weeks 2-5
- Prep-Year 3 Information Evening Monday 17 February



First primary building works in progress.



## You're invited...

#### Drouin Central Plaza Tuesday 15 October Wednesday 23 October

#### Thursday 31 October

Visit us at the Drouin Central Shopping Centre between 9am and 2pm, chat with our staff and learn more about developments at St Paul's Drouin Campus.

#### See the Latest Anytime

Visit www.stpaulsags.vic.edu.au/ discover/drouin/ and watch the latest drone footage, hear from our Principal and Head of School, and take a virtual fly-through of the first stage of development.

#### Little Lorikeets Playgroup Tuesdays 9:30am-11:00am

Come and join the fun at our Little Lorikeets Playgroup! Led by our Early Learning Centre Director, Ms Richelle Harris, Little Lorikeets is a facilitated play-based indooroutdoor program held at the Drouin Golf Club throughout 2024.

The program includes activities such as music, story time and craft, all designed to support children's growth at various stages of development. Children explore early literacy and numeracy concepts, and are introduced to some of the specialist areas on offer. Little Lorikeets Playgroup is a fabulous opportunity for families to network and for children to connect with their peers while developing new friendships in a fun and relaxing environment.

Enrol now at www.stpaulsags. vic.edu.au/little-lorikeetsapplication-2024/

# **Enrol Now**

## Apply now for Kindergarten and Primary School

## stpaulsags.vic.edu.au/discover/drouin/

For more information please contact Lucy Elliott from our Enrolments Team, by email at enrolments@stpaulsags.vic.edu.au or phone 5623 5833.



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