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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Preston Campus Year 9 Enrolments for 2024

The College has made the decision to move all of our Year 9 2024 enrolled students (currently in Year 8) at the Preston Campus to the Bundoora Campus for 2024. This will mean that the Preston Campus will be a Year 10-12 Campus focusing on the delivery of the VCE Vocational Major Program and Edmund Rice Pathways Program.

The College has received a number of requests from families currently enrolled in Year 8 at Preston to relocate their son to the Bundoora Campus one year earlier, ahead of the planned move at the beginning of 2025 (noting 2025 Commencement classes begin in late November next year). This decision will allow these students to have access to the elective program offered at the Bundoora Campus next year. All students in Year 9 will then be based at the Bundoora Campus in 2024 and have the opportunity to choose from the same elective subjects and have access to the same programs. Feedback from families has supported that the vast majority of families wish for their son to undertake their Year 7-9 studies at Bundoora.

In 2024, Year 9 students will continue to participate in the Year 9 ExCEL Program on Wednesdays. Many of these ExCEL elective subjects will continue to be based at the Preston Campus to maximise the opportunities that the Preston Campus offers our students with its facilities, proximity to the city and public transport offerings. Students will be allocated to programs, as per the regular Subject Selection process, prior to the commencement of classes in 2024.

A number of wellbeing structures will be put in place for families to ensure that current Year 8 students experience a smooth transition to the Bundoora Campus one year earlier than expected in 2024. This will include the Student Wellbeing Leader - Years 8 and 9, Mrs Jess Wogan, relocating to the Bundoora Campus in 2024 and supporting the current Year 8 and 9 students as they settle in at Bundoora. An Additional Needs Coordinator will also be relocating to Bundoora to support students in this transition process.

Upon the completion of Year 9 at the Bundoora Campus, all Year 9s will decide which pathway they choose to pursue: either a VCE Pathway (at the Bundoora Campus) or the VCE Vocational Major Pathway (at the Preston Campus). The Senior Sports Academy program will continue to be offered at the Bundoora Campus.

The College remains committed to a Parade education at our Preston Campus. There has been significant capital investment in recent years at the Campus (Nicholls Pavilion, Dowling Centre, Food Science Kitchen, etc). We continue to explore additional programs that we can offer at Preston to support the expansion of the VCE Vocational Major program and additional VET Certificate offerings.

The College has a proud history of educating students for more than 150 years and we will continue to provide them with the very best opportunities to succeed. We are committed to exploring all possible opportunities to ensure Parade College is a leader in secondary education and can continue to service students in the north of Melbourne for many years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Aiello', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mark Aiello
Principal

Frequently Asked Questions

My son is currently enrolled in Year 9 at Preston, what happens next year?

At the end of Year 9, as has been the practice, students decide whether to follow a VCE Pathway (at the Bundoora Campus) or a VCE Vocational Major / Edmund Rice Pathway Program – ERPP (at the Preston Campus).

My son receives support from Learning Diversity/Student Support Services (eg; Gifted & Talented/Altior; Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students; Learning Difficulties/Disability). What happens next year?

The supports your son accesses will not change. Current Year 8 and 9 students transitioning to Bundoora in 2024 will be moving across with an Additional Needs Coordinator (ANC) from Preston.

For students with additional learning needs, a Program Support Group (PSG) meeting, held in Semester 2 this year will include transition planning and identify the reasonable adjustments required to make this process a successful one.

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Year 8 a range of individualised supports will be implemented to ensure transition is culturally safe. These supports will be co-developed in a meeting with Parade's Indigenous Education Officer during Semester 2 2023.

Students in Year 8 who are part of the Altior program will have the opportunity to be considered for the Altior program at Bundoora in 2024 – the process for acceptance into the program in 2024 has not changed. Altior students in Year 9 will be well-placed if wishing to apply to accelerate into available VCE Unit 1 and 2 subjects in Year 10 at Bundoora.

My son is currently enrolled in the Year 10 Pathways/Year 11 VCE Vocational Major at Preston. What happens to my son's enrolment?

All students currently enrolled at Preston do not have their enrolment affected by this decision.

- Current Year 10s will continue into Year 11 (2024) and Year 12 (2025) at the Preston Campus.
- Current Year 11s will continue into Year 12 (2024) at the Preston Campus.

My son is currently in Year 8 at Preston. How will he get to the Bundoora Campus next year and how will he be supported?

The College will offer bus transport to students currently in Year 8 if it is difficult for families to get them to the Bundoora Campus next year. Families should communicate this information to Mrs Sally Ryan (Director of the Preston Campus) or Mrs Jess Wogan (Student Wellbeing Leader - Years 8 and 9).

To support the transition of the current Year 8 students to Bundoora in 2024, a number of wellbeing structures will be put in place to ensure the transition, one year earlier than expected. This will include Mrs Jess Wogan relocating to the Bundoora Campus in 2024 and supporting the current Year 8 & 9 students as they settle in at Bundoora next year.

Does this mean the Preston Campus will close?

No. The College remains committed to a Parade education at the Preston Campus. There has been significant capital investment in recent years at the Campus (Nicholls Pavilion, Dowling Centre, Food Science Kitchen etc). The College will continue to make investment in the facilities at Preston. We anticipate further demand for the programs offered at Preston. We are looking at additional programs and pathways to meet the needs of current and future students. We will continue to make these decisions in accord with our values as a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice Tradition.

My son is currently in the Year 8 Sports Institute at Preston, will this continue in Year 9?

No. 2023 will be the final year for the Sports Institute program at Preston. This will ensure that your son is able to choose from as many of the elective offerings as possible in Year 9. Students currently in the

Year 8 Sport Institute program will be offered the opportunity to try-out for the Manchester City program and/or Year 9 High Performance Sport classes. Current Year 8 Sports Institute students will also be given preference for the Year 9 ExCEL Sports elective “Super Coach”, should this be included as their first preference as part of their subject selection for 2024 . All enquiries regarding the Manchester City Football School program and High-Performance elective should be made with Mr John Baxter, Dean of High Performance.

Where can I find out more information?

Please contact the College on (03) 9468 3300 or info@parade.vic.edu.au and a member of the Leadership Team will be happy to speak with you.