A Short History of the College

The first school on the site was established in 1965 by the Catholic community of the Macleay Valley and staffed by Christian Brothers. By 1968 St Paul’s catered for boys from Year 5 to 4th Form. November 1973 marked the opening of the girls’ school on the eastern side of the boys’ school, run by the Sisters of Mercy. St Paul’s and St Pius X Regional High School (the girls’ school) were administered separately but shared the library and science facilities.

In 1980 the two schools were amalgamated to form the Macleay Regional Catholic High School. The school reverted to the original name of St Paul’s College in 1985, but retained the M.R.C.H.S. motto of ‘Let Your Light Shine’.

Throughout its time the College had operated as a Year 7 - 10 school with students leaving at the end of Year 10 to continue their education or to find employment. However, in 1991 the first Year 11 students were enrolled, and two years later became our first HSC candidates.

In 2001 and 2002 we went through a complete refurbishment of the key learning areas associated with teaching and learning at St. Paul’s College. Two new visual arts rooms, science labs, a metal work room, timber delivery access and store, and new food technology facilities were added. A Government grant saw a covered outdoor sports facility erected in 2007.

In 2011 a Federal Government ‘Building the Education Revolution’ grant saw the McAuley Centre opened. This gave the College a new Information technology room, dedicated agriculture room, food technology kitchen and VET Hospitality facility.

In 2014 the final stage of our building/refurbishing project was completed, seeing the College expand and remodelled into the Professional Learning Community that it is. With a new entrance and front of the College, the new hall and Drama theatre acts as an impressive introduction to the College to students and visitors.