From the Principal

WHAT DO WE VALUE IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY?

Extract from The Ricean, May 2014

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says they have faith but does not have works? Can that faith save them? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” (James 2:14-17)

Mother Teresa says: “At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by ‘I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in’.”

“Everybody can be great … because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.” (Martin Luther King Jr)

WELCOME TO TERM 3
I welcome back all students, staff and families to the beginning of Term 3 at the College. The term has commenced very well with the boys already focussed on their studies. The Year 12s commence their Trials in Week 3 and I ask you to keep them in your prayers.

During the holidays many of the Year 12 boys called in to the College to further their work and their studies and I am pleased with their progress.

We also had a number of students participate in a range of activities. The Kokoda Track Expedition was a powerful and highly successful activity and the boys and their fathers, teachers and friends conducted themselves in an exceptional fashion. The reports from PNG reveal the impact that this experience has had on everyone involved. I particularly thank Mr Brannan and Mr de Silva for their leadership of this experience.

We also had a major French Study Tour to New Caledonia and again this was a most successful learning activity. I thank Ms Sumner, Mr Steinman and Br Rafferty for leading this tour and congratulations to all of the boys on their stay.

Two sporting tours were held during the break: the Open Football team won the High Energy Youth Tournament in Queensland and had only one goal scored against them as they achieved an unbeaten record. This is the first time in ten years that the school has won this event. Congratulations to the boys and thanks to Mr Quilty, Mr Yue and Ms Proc. We wish the 1st XI continued success next week when they play Barker College in the Grand Final of the NSWCIS Cup. The match is on Monday 21 July with a 6pm kick off at Hensley Athletic Centre. We welcome all support.

The Opens Rugby tour to Queensland was a great success with the boys playing against very tough opposition from across Australia and New Zealand. With a mixture of wins, a draw and some tight losses the boys played extremely well and are to be congratulated on a highly successful tour. Thanks to Mr Steam, Mr Russo, Mr Brannan and Mr Virgona.

INTERMEDIATE JAZZ BAND
Congratulations to the Intermediate Jazz Band and their Director Mr Geoff Power on their success in the McDonalds Sydney Eisteddfod at the end of last term. The Band was awarded first place in the “Secondary School Intermediate Stage Band” section. For their efforts they received a plaque, a Certificate of Achievement and a cheque for $300.

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AND
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Study Skills Evening at the College for Yrs 7 & 8 boys and parents
Monday 11 August
P&F Meeting
You may recall that Mr Tongs visited the school last term as a war veteran of the Kokoda Trail. His talk was inspirational to the boys who realised that we were privileged to meet a real hero.

The College was very pleased to note that in the Queen’s Birthday honours, Mr Tongs was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for his services to military history and his work for The Kokoda Track Foundation. This is a most fitting recognition of Mr Tongs’ contribution. He is a very young man in his 90s who gave great service in defence of our country. The Kokoda Track expedition acknowledged him when walking the track during the holidays.

Mr John Couani

From the Assistant Principal - Mission and Identity

We acknowledge the Cameraygal people who are the traditional custodians of the land our College stands upon. We also pay respects to the elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal people.

Last Sunday in our Church we celebrated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. It marks the beginning of a week of celebrations throughout the nation where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people celebrate spirituality, identity, culture and survival. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people bring talents, great knowledge and many gifts to this country and a deep, spiritual inheritance that enriches our own Christian lives. It is on this day that we celebrate the many blessings that God bestows upon all Australians through this unique heritage.

This celebration is part of NAIDOC Week that is celebrated each year in the first full week of July, this year being from the 6th to the 13th of July. NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920’s which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

It coincided perfectly for our Queensland Rugby Tourists who were our Ambassadors of Reconciliation in wearing proudly for the first time the Reconciliation Jersey created by the Indigenous Artist and friend of the College, Sean Ryan. Our team was warmly acknowledged in the opening ceremony of the Gold Coast Rugby Carnival who highlighted the significance of our strip.

It is so appropriate at this time we should continue to be aware of the many past and present efforts to bring about indigenous recognition of and respect for their rightful place in our society and indeed in Australia’s Constitution. Mr Patrick Dodson is one of our most prominent Indigenous Leader and is often referred to as the Father of Reconciliation. He stated this year that: “Recognition of the first peoples in the Constitution sends a message that you are valued, you are important, that we want to respect you, and we want to deal with the things that have caused us division and discord in the past.”

Our Prime Minister, Tony Abbott, replied with these words: “Until that (constitutional recognition) is addressed, then we truly can’t go forward as a people, as a nation, as Australians, as a whole.”

Archie Roach, Singer and Songwriter

“I hope that future generations of Australians will grow up learning about the rich and impressive first cultures of our country -- and constitutional recognition is part of achieving that.”

Adam Goodes, Australian of the Year 2014

“We want to be recognised. It’s just as simple as that. We’ve never been recognised. We are the first Australians, okay? And it is time we were recognised.”

Lowitja O’Donoghue, legendary campaigner

“Recognition of the first peoples in the Constitution sends a message that you are valued, you are important, that we want to respect you, and we want to deal with the things that have caused us division and discord in the past.”

Patrick Dodson, Indigenous Leader

“I’m a big supporter of this. It should be a unifying moment for Australia, it should be a healing moment for Australia. And that’s what I want to bring about.”

Therefore, as Australians, let us all unite to continue to work in Reconciliation as we too support to “Recognise” Indigenous Australians. Recognition and reconciliation is far from complete. We hope and pray that our government and the many agencies involved will continue on the path of reconciliation with a sense of justice and compassion.
Volunteering Opportunity: Matthew Talbot Hostel

SPX College has been given a golden opportunity to volunteer at Matthew Talbot Hostel on a Wednesday afternoon. The 100 bed hostel provides short term accommodation, meals and pastoral care to the marginalised in the Kings Cross/Woolloomooloo area. Students in Years 10-12 are able to volunteer on a Wednesday afternoon from 4-6pm in the Dining Room. Parents are also more than welcome. Transport and staff supervision is provided for students only. Please email or see Ms De Souza for a permission note or for further information.

Ms T De Souza TDeSouza@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

Your P&F In Action!

The next P&F COMMITTEE MEETING takes place on Monday 11 August. If you have any items you’d like discussed, or an idea you’d like to run past other College parents in the Committee, please send me a message at spxpandfssecretary@gmail.com or to the P&F President Paul Hunt at jrphunt@gmail.com

YEAR 5 PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Lock away Saturday night 2 August! The Willoughby Hotel is hosting you in their own special area upstairs. There is finger food and a drink included in the entry price and some lively company and fun conversation will be delivered to you completely free! You can book your place right now at TryBooking here. The flyer can be found here.

Steve Johnson
SPX P&F Secretary / Communications

MindMatters for Families

ADVANCED NOTICE FOR YEARS 7 AND 8 PARENTS

STUDY SKILLS EVENING AT THE COLLEGE FOR PARENTS AND THEIR SONS IN YEARS 7 AND 8

Monday 4 August 2014

A MUST for Parents and their Sons!!

St Pius X College seeks to promote positive mental health and wellbeing for its students and their families. This study skills evening, ‘Working Together for Success’ is an invaluable opportunity to enhance and engage students in improving their self-confidence and self-esteem through improved study techniques/advice, resulting in more confident, resilient students. Further details will be available shortly.

Please also see Woodchatta Extras for courses/workshops on Parenting Education for Mums, Dads & Carers in Term 3.

Mr R Russo – College Counsellor

Attention Year 8 Parents

REMINDER: YEAR 8 (YEAR 9, 2015) PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Parents of Year 8 students are invited to attend a Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 23 July (Week 2, Term 3) at 6.30pm in the College Gymnasium. At this meeting we will be outlining the courses on offer, explaining the process for subject selection and providing information about the expectations of students as they move into Stage 5 of their education. Students are not expected to attend this meeting as they will be involved in a Subject Selection Information Session on Thursday 24th July.

We look forward to seeing you at the Information Evening.

Mr P Stollery – Year 8 Coordinator

Attention Year 10 Parents

SUBJECT CHOICE FOR YEAR 11, 2015

Reminder: The boys will be receiving information and attending meetings during the first weeks of Term 3 dealing with their subject choices for Year 11, 2015. The Year 11, 2015 Parent Information Night will be held at the College on Wednesday 23 July commencing at 7.30pm. Location will be advised before the event. The boys will be attending subject information meetings on Monday 21 July.

Mr M Pawlak - Year 10 Coordinator

UAC 2015 Applications

2015 Undergraduate applications open on Wednesday 6th of August. The 2015 UAC Guide will be issued to all Year 12 students in early August. Students are recommended to apply by Tuesday 30th September 2014, before the processing charge starts to increase. Students will have until Wednesday 7th January 2015 to finalise preferences for the Main Round of offers. For more information visit http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/apply/


Ms D Janes – Careers Advisor
After 10 months of solid preparation and planning to hone our physical resilience to meet the rigours of
the terrain and climate to be faced, to research the historical significance of the Track and the events
of 1942 in Australian History, and to develop our capacity to interact and empathise with the Papua
New Guinean peoples. It is with great satisfaction that we can report the unqualified success of our
July Holidays Kokoda Expedition to the College Community.

Indeed the experience of walking in the footsteps of Maroubrara Force and the 21st, 25th and 16th
Brigades of the Australian Army, over the Owen Stanley Mountain Range from Ower’s Corner to
Kokoda and then beyond to Popondetta, Gona, Port Moresby, Bomana War Cemetery, St Joseph’s, Boroka, Sogeri
and Callan Services Special Education Resource Centre, Gerehu, was, in many ways, a life changing one which
significantly bonded the 16 students and their fathers and siblings who shared the journey with them.

Harry Heaney (Year 10) was struck by simple strengths and happiness of the local people of Aburai Village which
guided us patiently and carefully along the track. Mitchell and Jacob Cristafulli (Year 9), twins who turned 15 on
the Track, were not alone in reflecting meaningfully on the Services held at Isurava Battlefield and Surgeons rock. There
we celebrated the life of Lt Butch Bisset who died there in his brother’s arms, before Stan Bisset, the “Kokoda Wallaby”
withdrew with the 2/14th and 39th Bns to hear Blamey’s infamous Rabbits Run speech. More than a few tears were
shed to the strains of “Danny Boy”.

We celebrated the living; Bede Tongs the Kokoda Veteran who visited the students of the College on May 3rd turned
94 while we were away and received a most deserved Order of Australia Medal for services to our great country. The
same day we visited a plaque he laid at Eora Crossing to honour his 3rd Bn 34 years before. We also remembered the
fallen including Jacob DeSisto and Anthony Gillespie two ex-students of St Pius (CBC) Chatswood who were tragically
killed in WWII. Recently deceased PNG veteran and great SPX supporter David Curtin Snr. And hauntingly a 16 year
old soldier of the AIF who lives in Bomana Cemetery along with over 3000 of our country men.

At the villages along the Track and subsequently at Christian Brothers – Edmund Rice- Callan Services Special
Education Resource Centre Gerehu, we donated SPX Rugby balls, pumps, surplus SPX / ISA sports clothing, and
stationary learning packs (generously donated by those Officemax and others listed in Woodchatta Extras) to
complement the fund raising from recent SPX Falls Festivals and Social Justice days.

The idealistic settings and lifestyles of the Villages along the Track however, contrast starkly with the conditions and
situations we witnessed in Popondetta and Port Moresby. In each case we were left with a sense of hope and
hopefulness to reach out in solidarity to these amazing people who in a very real sense, are our closest global
neighbours. In the light of the vigorously rewarding experience we benefitted from, it is hoped that in the future
other members of the St Pius X College Community will similarly have the opportunity to both reach out in solidarity to
the PNG people and reflect quietly on the values engraved on the Granite Pillars of the Isurava Battlefield Memorial:
Mateship, Endurance, Courage and Sacrifice. Values which were personified by the 1942 Diggers and Carriers of the
Kokoda Track campaign in the face of great adversity. And values which can stand us all in good stead through our
lives and interactions.

Congratulations also to another member of our Science staff Ms R Mowle who experienced the adversity of the
physical and emotional challenges of the Kokoda Track journey the week after our school expedition.

The names of those who participated in the SPX Kokoda 2014 Expedition and acknowledgement of those who
supported the experience, along with a selection of photos, can be found in Woodchatta Extras.

Mr S Brannan - SPX Kokoda Expedition and Immersion Leader 2014

Performing Arts News

INTERMEDIATE JAZZ BAND: Congratulations once again to the Intermediate Jazz Band and their Director Mr Geoff
Power on their success in the McDonalds Sydney Eisteddfod at the end of last term. As mentioned in the Principal’s
section, the Band was awarded first place in the “Secondary School Intermediate Stage Band” section. For their
efforts they received a plaque, a Certificate of Achievement and a cheque for $300.

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHOIR: Congratulations to Dominic Fong (Year 11) who has successfully auditioned for the
Australian Youth Choir. Carrying on the tradition of many St Pius boys before him, Dominic was placed in the
Chamber Choir.

MEET THE MUSIC: Parents of boys in Elective Music Years 9 and 10, Preliminary Course and HSC Music are reminded
that the second concert for the year is on tomorrow night at the Opera House, commencing at 6.30pm. As per the
excursion note which was sent home earlier in the year, boys are to make their own way to and from the Opera
House. Attire should be neat/casual- shirts with collars, jeans without rips and covered shoes. Students are to be in
their seats in the Concert Hall no later than 6.15pm. The concert concludes at approximately 8.30pm. There are still
some extra tickets available for this concert. Please contact the Performing Arts Coordinator, Ms Tracey Bates
(tbates@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au) first thing tomorrow morning, if you are interested in attending.

ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY: The Intermediate Concert Band will be performing at the event on Friday 25th July at
the Concourse. All Band members should ensure they are prompt to rehearsals this week and next.

IPSHA PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL: The Junior Choir and selected Junior Concert Band students have been preparing
for this Festival, to be held on the evening of Monday 4 August at the Sydney Town Hall. We are still waiting on final
information regarding ticket allocation. Once this has come through, a note will be sent home with all the details.

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Co-ordinator
Welcome back to Term 3. The Language Department has been a hive of activity with a successful tour to New Caledonia for French during the break. Seventeen excited students in Years 9, 10 & 11, were accompanied by Ms Sumner, Br Rafferty and Mr Steinmen on the language immersion activity. A fantastic opportunity was had by all to immerse themselves in the French language while taking in the breathtaking scenery and culture of our pacific neighbours. Next week the students will report on their personal experience, so stay tuned.

It has also been exciting to receive the Language Perfect results for the College in 2014. Students in Language classes in Years 8-12 were given the opportunity to compete in this annual, International competition, representing the College in Chinese and French. The results were incredible, especially considering the timing being during the Semester 2 examination period. The College scored 52,852 points in total, answering a staggering 167, 954 questions. Overall, SPX rated 369th out of 1,152 participating schools internationally. Many of these schools had twice the numbers of student enrolments, which makes our results all the more impressive. Again, within NSW the College ranked 62 out of 180 schools.

In Chinese, the College ranked an amazing 35th out of 809 schools internationally, 25th (out of 577 schools) in Australia and 7th (out of 48 schools) in NSW. This was undoubtedly due to the outstanding efforts of our keen students lead by Willem Ma, who achieved a GOLD AWARD, placing him in the top 2% of the World (300 000 competitors). He was supported by super keen Year 8 students, Jamieson Bennett and Matthew Garrett who achieved SILVER AWARDS (Top 5% of the World) and Aiden Abignano, Brendan Aikin, Ronan Apcar, Nicholas Bunquin, Harrison Crowe-Maxwell, Joshua Del Rosario and John McKinnon achieving BRONZE AWARDS (Top 10% of the World).

French students worked well to achieve 286 out of 974 schools in French. Again, considering the small numbers enrolled, this was a remarkable achievement lead by Alan Dijzmedjian. Alan also achieved a remarkable result with a GOLD AWARD for the top 2% of the 300 000 participant internationally. Marco Iuliano also achieved in the top 10% with a Bronze in French.

In total, the College will receive 32 Certificates. I would like to congratulate all of the students who worked so hard in order to achieve these solid results for the College. We will inspire to build on these again in 2015.

**LANGUAGE IMMERSION TOURS- CHINA, FRANCE, ITALY & GERMANY**

I would like to draw your attention to some exciting and valuable opportunities currently available to students in Years 10 to 12. AFS are offering two scholarships worth $1,500 each on their Intensive Language and Culture programs to China, France, Germany and Italy during the upcoming Christmas holidays. These programs offer a unique and life changing experience, and are open to any student who would like to advance their language skills and live in a new culture with a host family, studying at a local school.

**Applications close on 29th August** for these programs. To ensure that SPX students don’t miss out on this opportunity, more information is available at [www.afs.org.au/scholarships/public-scholarships/short-program-scholarships/](http://www.afs.org.au/scholarships/public-scholarships/short-program-scholarships/)

The experience of being immersed in another culture prepares young people for their future in unique ways. An independent study on the impact of the AFS experience has shown that AFS participants have increased intercultural competency, higher intercultural sensitivity, greater fluency in languages and less polarisation of intercultural differences compared with their peers. With Intercultural Understanding being recognised in the new Australian Curriculum, and businesses calling out for inter-culturally competent employees, this type of program helps equip students for their future.

AFS has operated for more than 50 years in Australia, and since 1952 over 10,000 Australians have studied abroad through AFS and a further 10,000 from around the world have lived and studied in Australia. Being an AFS exchange student is an opportunity to study abroad with one of the most valued, reputable and experienced leaders of high school student exchange in the world. Please email Catharine McBride, the CEO and Partner Director at AFS, at the following email address. catharine.mcbride@afs.org.

Ms K Manga – Teacher in Charge LOTE

The St Pius X Mock Trial team had a well-deserved win on Tuesday 15 July against Killarney High School. The boys performed admirably. Our stand-outs were our debutauntes to the team, Daniel Butler and Liam Zucconi, both from Year 9, who were considered ‘outstanding witnesses’ by the officiating magistrate. Our consistent orator, Matthew Harris, completed his Mock Trial career as Second Barrister in style. His First Barrister, Keenan Smith, performed well in this new role. A special mention must go to Jakob McDermott for his articulate and adept contributions to the Mock Trial team over the past two years.

Thank you to the boys for their enthusiasm, thirst to learn and tireless efforts in preparation for this season’s Mock Trial Competition. It was a well performed season, with several trials only being a couple of points difference between high performing teams. “Played well, done fine.” Jack Gibson

Ms K Meale – Convenor
Debating and Public Speaking

DEBATING: On the last Friday of Term 2 (20th June) the Year 11B team of Lyndon Maher, Harry Vinter and Adam Melzer, along with the 10A team of Ryan Attard, Josiah Lising and Keenan Smith competed in the CSDA Quarterfinals at Marist College, North Sydney. Year 11 debated against St Leo’s Wahroonga, with Year 10 debating Christian Bros Lewisham. Unfortunately, on the night, the adjudicator in both debates felt that the opposing schools presented the stronger debate. Whilst we always accept the ‘referee’s’ decision it is important to acknowledge that adjudications are sometimes quite subjective and that our debaters are truly exceptional speakers who work brilliantly as a team. We need to also acknowledge the support of all of the Year 11 and Year 10 students who travelled to North Sydney in support of Lyndon, Harry, Adam, Ryan, Josiah and Keenan. We were lucky to have Nicholas Parker play the piano for an hour or so. It was lovely to hear the clear notes of the Pius School Song ringing through Marist North Sydney on that cold Friday night!

MACQUARIE SCHOOL CUP: Next Tuesday, 22nd July, Ms Sumner will take 15 Year 8 and Year 9 debaters to Macquarie University for this annual competition. Permission letters went home at the end of Term 2 and students will be meeting with Ms Sumner and Ms Waterson this week to organise teams and practise sessions.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: The NSW Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition will be held at North Sydney Boys’ High next Thursday, 24th July. Permission letters went home at the end of Term 2 and students will be meeting with Ms Waterson and with Hans Lee (Year 11 Public Speaking mentor for younger students) this week to organise topics and practise sessions.

Mrs M Waterson – Convenor

Chess

The last round of the season will be played this coming Friday for the majority of teams. Please note the venue and transport arrangements. There are three teams scheduled to play Killara. These games will occur on the following Friday 25th July. Many thanks are extended to the boys who have been well mannered and organised this season.

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Ms D Ramsey/Ms J Dempsey

Learning Enrichment Notices

CONGRATULATIONS: I would like to congratulate the students who have attended Compass Club last term. It takes enormous commitment to take on extra academic challenges. Students have submitted some impressive work last term and are commended for their efforts.

Compass Club begins again Week 1, Term 3.

WRITE ON COMPETITION 2014 (YEARS 5–6): Entries are NOW OPEN in this Writing Competition. Students over NSW are invited to enter a 500 word short writing piece using the photograph in the link below as a stimulus. Entries close 25th August. Those boys interested can visit: http://writeon.bos.nsw.edu.au/ to find out more and enter.

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS 2014: Congratulations to those boys selected to represent the College in Tournament of Minds Challenge 2014. Please ensure that you attend your team training promptly with all necessary materials.

Junior School Team 1: Keegan Akin, Matthew Hogan, Carl Braganza, Cameron Fernandopulle, Liam Kinna, Jacob Glass, Alex Ramsbottom.

Junior School Team 2: Samuel Walters, Taylor Alan, Corey Johnson, Harrison Wallace, Nicholas Biefeld, Adrian Bond, Emerson Ansted.

COMPETITION ENTRANTS: Good Luck to students who have entered competitions recently:


Mrs B Spanyik
Homework Help

Homework Help is held every **Monday to Thursday inclusive** after school from **3.15pm - 4.30pm** in the **Senior Resource Centre**. Students are to be actively engaged in school work, reading or study. All ages and levels of ability are welcome to attend, so come along and take advantage of the service.

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Vacation Care Program for Ages 11 to 14

Dear families,
The Children's and Youth Services Branch of Willoughby Council is conducting a survey to determine if there is a need in the area for a specific Vacation Care Program that caters for children 11-14 years of age.

Children often do not attend traditional vacation Care programs during Year 6 and there are no other programs of this nature available for children once they commence high school. Parents of children in Years 6, 7 and 8 can find it difficult to find care arrangements for children during the school holidays.

Please click on the link below and complete the survey. There are only a few questions and this will take just a few minutes. We appreciate your support in gaining this valuable information.


Thank you

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From the Junior Resource Centre

Welcome back to some great reading. I am sure that during the holidays the boys had a wonderful time reading some exciting books. I finished reading *On Two Feet and Wings* by Abbas Kazerooni. It was an amazing story about a young refugee escaping from military service in Iran in the seventies.

**Scholastic Book Club** orders are due Friday 25 July. If you wish to order books for your sons please send the order in with CHEQUE OR CREDIT CARD RECEIPT NUMBER. **We cannot take cash.** Please ask your son to put the order in the silver box.

Happy Reading!

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Handwriting Course

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**Handwriting and Writing Group**

**2014**

Kids Plan-It Occupational Therapy is proud to announce that in 2014, we are offering a 10 week handwriting and writing group at St Pius X College, Chatswood. This service will include an initial assessment; focusing on the skills and underlying abilities required for handwriting and writing an ongoing term block of intervention and short feedback report at the end of the term.

**When**: Tuesday mornings 8:00-9:30am

**Where**: Learning support classroom at St Pius X College, Chatswood

**Who**: Any student from Year 5-12

**Group size**: 3-6 students per group

**Cost**: The initial assessment cost is $150 (completed in first session) + weekly sessions of $40 per student

**Private Health Rebates available**

**Contact**: Jessica Westover, Occupational Therapist, 0439 634 501 or info@kidsplan-it.com.au

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**Ms K Martin**

**Vacation Care Program**

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**Mrs K Martin**

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**From the Junior Resource Centre**

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**Ms R Hunt**
Junior School News

It was great meeting many of you on Monday at the Parent/Teacher Interviews. I spoke to the boys on Tuesday about now being the time to get back into work mode and concentrate on the points they need to improve. Now is also the time to get rid of the bad habits and to work on being the best person they can. 100% effort doesn’t start at exam time, it depends on the lead up and I used the analogy of training for a game so you can give 100% effort.

WEEK 2 AND 3 INCURSIONS
Next week the boys will have an incursion from the REACH foundation. In Week 3 the Year 6 boys will commence a series of four lessons over four weeks from the Interrelate Program, entitled ‘Moving into the Teen Years.’ I will put more information in the Junior School Newsletter which will be emailed to you and available on eAccess this Friday afternoon. This program is about all the changes that will occur to them as they move into puberty and also about how human life is formed. If you have any queries please contact myself to discuss after Friday’s Junior School Newsletter.

IPSHA PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL
The Junior School Choir and a select group of musicians will be performing at the Sydney Town Hall on the evening of Monday 4 August. We have a practice day on Monday 28 July. I hope to see many very proud parents on the night.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
- 20/8 – Cybersmart Parent Information Night in the evening.
- 4/9 – Junior School Father, Grandfather and Son sporting afternoon from 11.45 am until 2pm including a BBQ lunch. (I will require a brave band of mums to assist with the BBQ.)
- 5/9 - Whole school P & F Fathers’ Day Breakfast

Mr T Long – Head of Junior School

Travel Passes
If your son needs to change the way he travels to school, i.e. change of station, train instead of bus etc. this can only be done in the first weeks of Terms 1 and 3.

Please also note that a new application is required to be submitted if you change address, even if there is no change to the travel route.

Ms R Gaston

Uniform Shop
TRADING HOURS – MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 8.00am–1.30pm.

Orders can also be placed either by phoning the shop or sending an email to uniformshop@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au. Parents are reminded that the Uniform Shop also sells second-hand school uniforms. Enquiries 9414 4339.

A price list is available on the College website. http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/facilities/uniform-shop

A reminder to parents that the Uniform Shop also sells music, grid and exercise books.

Mrs D Muirhead – Co-ordinator

Canteen Roster

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RUGBY

There are many ways to win rugby matches and occasionally the more talented team loses. One of the reasons for this is because their opponents played with greater determination and enthusiasm. Enthusiasm and desire, let’s call it will to win, can get you the result you want; not only on the rugby pitch but life in general.

The St Pius X spirit is there for all to see and we now have a conduit of talented, enthusiastic players across all our age groups. This Saturday against St Patricks we have to harness those Pius qualities to the full, catch the opposition off their guard and play them with a wave of enthusiasm too strong to defend against. To this end all players must turn up on time and be fully switched on in the warm up. Mental as well as physical preparation is really important when playing after a holiday break. You want to start quick and stay fast!

BUT above all, turn up to enjoy yourself! You’ll be amazed how it improves your performance.

Good luck and see you Saturday.

Mike Penistone – Rugby Development Officer

Rugby Trip to Orange and Bathurst

On 26 July our teams will be venturing westward for Rugby and some teams will be playing Kinross. These teams are the 1st XV, 16A, 15A and B, 14A,B,C and the 13A and B teams. The 13C and 2nd XV will play The Scots School Bathurst. Members of the 16B and 3rd XV squads will be required by other teams and shall be notified.

The school will provide transport to and from the College and staff will supervise the boys. Could any boy who requires a lift please let their coach know by Friday morning? A cost will be published once I have final numbers and the departure time from school will be published once Kinross and Scots notify me of game times. Please email me if you have any questions shopley@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au.

Mr S Hopley - Rugby Convenor

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Dear Parents and Players, Welcome back to the football season. This week we are straight back into the ISA round against St Patrick’s College Strathfield. All games are at home but please check the timing of your fixtures carefully.

Congratulations to the 1st XI who competed in the High Energy Youth Tournament in Queensland during the holidays. This is a high standard, international tournament and our boys came home with the trophy having gone through the entire week (8 matches) undefeated, results and goal scorers are below. Special acknowledgement to Joseph Esposito who was selected in the All Stars side.
We wish the 1st XI continued success next week when they play Barker College in the Grand Final of the NSWCIS Cup. The match is on Monday 21 July with a 6pm kick off at Hensley Athletic Centre. We welcome all support.

Good luck for this weekend’s fixtures.

Mr S Yue – Convenor

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**TENNIS** – Welcome back to the second half of the ISA Tennis Season. This week, teams play Round 7. SPX is playing at a number of different venues including Oakhill, Oxley and Barker. Please check venues and times for Saturday’s matches.

Ms T De Souza - Convenor

**BOXERCISE FOR FITNESS & FUN** is available for all students every Thursday and Friday morning at 7.30am in the Blue Room. Please contact Mr Russo if you have any queries.

**Junior School Sport**

**Thursday Sport:** on at Oxford Falls. Winter training resumes (Rugby, Football and Tennis).

**Dance:** Thanks to all parents and friends who supported our performance last term. The boys participated with vigour and energy over the course of the program, impressing the instructors and taking ownership for some of the choreography of their presentations. Whilst all Houses performed superbly, presenting original, energised and synchronised routines it was Treacy who impressed the judges the most. Purton finished 2nd with Rice securing 3rd place.
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Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster

NSTA Tennis for Term 3 Tennis begins on Saturday 26 July. St Pius have entered three teams in the NSTA Competition. All players will be given more information shortly.

Mr B Hoy - NSTA Convenor Term 2 & 3
The following information is contained within this week’s Woodchatta Extras.

Click on the link below to take you straight to that section:

1. CAREERS NEWSLETTER

2. KOKODA TRACK EXPEDITION: Names of participants, acknowledgements and photos

3. MINDMATTERS FOR FAMILIES: Course Flyers: Child & Adolescent Parenting Courses/Workshops
   Parenting Education for Mums, Dads and Carers – Term 3, 2014

4. FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

5. RUGBY CLUB NEWS

6. GENERAL NOTICES
   - Become a Volunteer Host Family with the World Exchange Program
   - Student Exchange Australia New Zealand – Free Information Evening
   - Go4Fun Program for Health, Active Kids
My sincere thanks to Mr Paul de Silva who in co-leading the expedition has bugled above and beyond the call of duty in a multitude of ways, and without whose leadership the quality of our expedition could not have been so high.

Mr S Brannan

The St Pius X College Kokoda Expedition Team

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Groups to be thanked for their contributions to the success of the SPX Kokoda Expedition and Immersion 2014:

- SPX College Leadership Team including Mr J Couani, Mr M Casey and Br John Henry Thornber for endorsing and informing our Expedition
- Old Boys Association Mr Dave Bullard, Charles Kilby, Br Dave Curtin, Mr Barry Wong, Mr John Reidy, Mr Brett Laird, (Tour shirts, equipment, contacts and support),
- Mr John McCamley Work Warehouse (SPX Parent and supplier of Tour shirts)
- SPX P & F, Mr Paul Hunt, Mr Mariano Rossetto (T Shirts, equipment and support)
- SPX Rugby Club and Sports and ISA Sports Mr Liam Ward, Mr Paul Beattie, Mr Matthew Stearn, Ms Annette Gee-MacLean (ISA Secretary) - (Rugby balls, shirts jersies, shorts etc to donate in PNG)
- Rebel Hornsby (Pumps for the balls to give away bought at reduced price by the Tutill and Coyne families who also provided the venue and sausages for our pre trip bonding BBQ)
- Office Max – Mrs Di Munich SPX Parent and Mrs Jan Hunter SPX Board member who provided and prepared the stationary packs given away at various villages and Gerehu Callan Services
- Mr Richard James Expedition Guide and Leader, Principal: On Track Expeditions
- Mr Rob Trodden Expedition Guide and Kokoda Track expert
- Mr Nadem Lovei, Aburai Village Leader and Kokoda Track and PNG Guide, advisor and security along with his brother Isaac.
- Mr Bill James Kokoda Track Historian contact, guest speaker and supplier of signed copies of his “Guide Book To The Kokoda Track”
- Brothers Rugby Club and Old Boys Assoc suppliers of copies of Andrew James’ book “Kokoda Wallaby”
- Capt Bede Tongs MM 3rd and 2/3rd Bns Kokoda Veteran and his son Garry Tongs guest speakers and guests of honour of the College 3/5/14. Supplied signed copies of Bede’s Poetry book: Poems of an Infanteer in the firing line”
- Mr Bobby Hale Flight Centre Active Travel Travel agent
- Br Charlie Smith Pt Moresby Travel consultant and advisor, Br John Henry Thornber contact
- Br Kevin Ryan Callan Services Director PNG
- Mr Michael Lulu. Joshra and Mary, teachers students and parents of the Callan Services Special Education Resource Centre, Gerehu, Pt Moresby
- Mr Andrew Viney and Fr Barry Nobbs Pidgin English and PNG Consultants
- The Gillespie, De Sisto and Curtin Families – allowing us to recognise their family members as WWII veterans associated with SPX College
- Mr Mark Anderson who designed our expedition logo
- Dr Paula Fogarty TVMS Travel Doctor, Chatswood

Please see the following pages for a selection of photos
3 Cheers for our carriers on arrival at Kokoda Airstrip archway

An emotional rendition of Danny Boy sung in honour of Lt Butch Bissett buried by his brother Capt Stan Bissett the Kokoda Wallaby during the battle of Isurava Village

Blue Group Mateship

Blue Group with the plaque laid by Bede Tongs Military Medal recipient, (1942) 3rd and 2-3rd Bns OAM (2014) a Kokoda veteran who visited our School in May

Fr Kevin Dance CP Parish Priest at St Josephs Boroko Pt Moresby, with one of his 8 novices A far cry from his last posting New York

Expedition Group Photo – Ower’s Corner

Gerehu Special Education Resource Centre welcomes St Pius X College Expedition party 30-6-14

Laura Hassall with local boy after donating a St Pius X College Rugby ball

Group photo with Christian Br Charlie Smith after mass at St joseph’s Boroko

Group Photo with the musicians at St Josephs Boroko

Hoi Villahga Welcoming Committee
Isurava Memorial

Isurava Memorial Steps

Kokoda Archway Completion

Matt, Tom Laura and Craig Hassall in abn Australian Weapons Pit Myola vicinity

Remembering the Fallen, Eora Creek

Sam and Jacob Crisafulli, Sogeri Thanksgiving

Sam, Mitchell and Jacob Crisafulli in the Myola Moss Forests

Sean Tutill gives a stationary and clothing pack to the Nauro Villagers

St Pius Blue Group Congratulates Gold Group on completing the Kokoda Track

The Mission Cross at Gona, all that remained after the Japanese final resistance

Tim and Grahame Abbott with villagers

Tom Coyne and Jacob Saunders with local Efogi Village Children

With our porters families the villagers of Abuari at Eora Creek

Yr 10 student Matthew Fragiacomo gives stationary pack to Expedition Cook Ian of Abuari Village for his three children
Parenting Programs
Child & Adolescent Parenting

WHAT'S ON IN TERM 3 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Tuning in to Teens Course
Skills to communicate with your teenagers so that you understand each other better & are able to build positive relationships.
* Understanding teenagers today & communication skills
* Emotional intelligence skills
* How to prevent behaviour problems & conflict resolution
Chatswood 5 wks/2.5 hrs (12/8 - 9/9, 7.00-9.30pm)

Dealing with Teen’s Backchat Workshop
* Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship with your teenager
* Understand what it is like being a teenager today
* Learn how to talk so that they listen & how to listen so that they talk to you
Chatswood (5/8, 7.00-9.30pm)

Tuning in to Kids Course - Chatswood (13/8 - 10/9)

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Course - Chatswood (26/7- 8/9)

NEW Communicating with Kids Workshop (4/9 - 22/9) - Chatswood (4/9)

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF TEENS - 9887 5830
* Dealing with Teen’s Back Chat
* Transition to High School
* Triple P Seminar Series (Teens)

* Resilient Kids
* Bully Busting Workshop

OTHER WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST (2-2.5 hours)
* Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums
* Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training
* Speech & Language Development/Sleep
* Triple P (PPP) Seminar Series (1-12 years)

* Older Sibling - New Baby
* Transition to School
* Grand Parenting - Chatswood (15/9)
* Communicating with Kids

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830
FOR CHILDREN 1-12 YEARS

Toddlers: Terrible or Terrific
3 x 2.5 hr workshops $56pp or $111pp for 3 workshops in one term
Age 1-3 yrs
1. Understanding Your Toddler/Disipline & Tantrums
2. Toilet training
3. Speech & Language Development/Feeding

Tues 3 Thurs 2013 11am, 14, 21, 28
Dural

Tuing in to Kids
5 x 2.5hr $150pp (150 connectivity) Age 3-10yrs
Content: Help your child develop emotional intelligence, learn how to talk to them, show respect and underpin children, help them to manage emotions, prevent problems and teach them to deal with conflict.

Tues 3 Wed 2013 10am, 13, 20, 27
Dural

Dealing with children’s backchat/Backchat Workshop
2.5hrs $55pp
Content: Are you struggling with a teenager who answers back all the time? Learn about how to restore a respectful and positive relationship between you and your teenager, understand what it is like being a teenager today, learn how to talk so that they will listen and how to listen so that they will talk to you.

Tues 2013 10am, 17, 24, 31
Dural

Communication with Kids Workshop
2.5hrs $55pp
Content: Communication skills for building positive relationships, problem ownership, listening, assertiveness skills and problem solving skills.

Tues 2013 10am, 17, 24, 31
Dural

Resilient Kids Workshop
3hrs $56pp
Content: Helping you child recognise, accept & express feelings, develop optimistic thinking, coping skills & problem solving skills.

Tues 2013 11am, 18, 25
Dural

FOR TEENS

Tuning in to Teens
5 x 2.5hrs $150pp (150 connectivity) Age 3-10yrs
Content: Help your teenager develop emotional intelligence, learn skills to talk and understand your teenager, help them to manage emotions, prevent problems and teach them to deal with conflict.

Tues 3 Wed 2013 10am, 13, 20, 27
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Communication with Teens Workshop
2.5hrs $55pp
Content: Communication skills for building positive relationships, problem ownership, listening, assertiveness skills and problem solving skills.

Tues 2013 10am, 17, 24, 31
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Triple P (PPP) Seminars (2hrs) $4800p
Organised through schools, centres and councils
Positive ways to promote children’s development.

1-7yrs: Seminar 1: Power of positive parenting Seminar 2: Raising confident, competent children
Seminar 3: Raising resilient children
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PLEASE READ THE BOOKING CONDITIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE PROCEEDING

To enrol: Contact the school or centre.
To pay: Contact the school or centre.

CANCELLATION POLICY
If you cancel your booking within 7 days of the booking confirmation you will receive a full refund of the booking fee.

Thank you for your support.

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1ST XI WIN CUP
Sixteen lucky boys headed to Brisbane for their football tour and participation in the Southern Skies tournament in the school holidays. Pius has been entering this competition for 10 years and had never won it, until this year. Yay!! Congratulations to the 1st XI, and the coaches, Mr Quilty and Mr Yue. This year the team was supported by our Specialist Coach, Chris Semaan, who is an Old Boy and former participant in this competition. Chris was responsible for managing the warm-up and cool-down sessions, as well as assisting with game strategy and the post-match pool sessions. A FC contribution helped offset the cost of the tour for families.

The 1st XI completed all qualifying matches with no goals scored against us, thanks to outstanding keeping from Greg Frelingos. The Grand Final was a nail-biter, decided on penalties. Joseph Esposito was named Pius Player of the Tournament by the coaches. Special thanks must go to Mr Quilty and Mr Yue who gave up a week of their holidays to allow our boys to have this fantastic experience. Check out our website for all the action and photos in the newest football publication at Pius “Shape Tackle and Goal”, produced by a fabulous (and very enthusiastic) parent, Danny John. We love your work, Danny!

CIS CUP GRAND FINAL – MONDAY 21 JULY
The next installment of excitement for the 1st s is the CIS Cup Final against Barker on Monday. The match will be held at Hensley Athletic Oval at 6pm. We need lots of supporters there to cheer the boys on. The FC is covering the cost of a supporter bus. Please give names to Mr Yue ASAP.

4 MORE ROUNDS OF ISA
We’re headed toward the pointy end of the season with four rounds left of the ISA competition before finals. This week is the big home round against arch rivals (in the nicest possible way) St Patrick’s College. Please check match times carefully in the Senior Sport section of this Woodchatta. Our boys will need maximum support in this, our toughest round. GO PIUS!!!

WIN A WORLD CUP BALL!
We are giving you a great chance to win an Adidas World Cup replica Brazuca football personally signed by Ange Postecoglou and past Socceroos - Brett Emerton & Mark Bosnich. All you have to do to enter the competition is send in some photos of your boys in action at a St Pius game. We will put the photos onto the Football Club webpages on the P&F website. Everyone who sends in photos will go into a draw to win the signed football. The more times you send photos the more entries you get (for multiple entries the photos must be for different games). Send your photos (with captions and/or details of the game being played - team, date, opponents) to footballclub@pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au. Entries will close at the end of the season mid-August.

FOOTBALL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT DAY
Twenty-five sets of bleary eyes but willing bodies turned up for the Football Skills Development Day on Monday this week, just two hours after the World Cup Final! Our Specialist Coaches, Chris Semaan, and (ex -Socceroo) Troy Halpin (pictured right) reported fabulous behavior and commitment from all the boys who attended. Special thanks to Luis Orbegoso from the FC for his organization of this event.

BBQ VOLUNTEERS – 26 JULY
The FC has access to the BBQ kiosk for matches on 26 July, but we need volunteers to staff it. Mary Ann Back, our FC BBQ Co-ordinator, will sort all the supplies and a roster. Please contact Mary Ann if you can help either side of your son’s match hansbacks@bigpond.net.au

NEXT FC MEETING: Tues 22 July @ 7pm Sarto Centre (Cnr Daisy & Anderson Sts) - All welcome!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: please see the following page …
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Donna Patterson (President) – patt.donna@hotmail.com
2014 SEASON FIXTURES
After the School Holiday break, the second half of the season resumes this coming Saturday with the Senior School teams playing their ISA Round 4 matches vs St Patrick’s at Oxford Falls and the Junior School teams playing their Round 7 matches vs Waverley (Prep teams – Away) and Newington Wyvern (U11s – Away).

Please refer to the Senior and Junior School Sport sections of this Woodchatta for details of opponents, match times, venue locations etc.

SPX 1st XV TOUR TO QUEENSLAND
During the Holidays the 1st XV went on a successful Tour to Queensland, competing in the Gold Coast Rugby Carnival. The team could be proud of their efforts in a very strong Competition, which has given them a great preparation for Saturday’s match vs St Patrick’s and the remainder of the ISA season.

PARENTS & SUPPORTERS OVERNIGHT TRIP TO ORANGE – FRIDAY 25th JULY
Most of the Senior School teams will be playing away vs Kinross Wolaroi in Orange on Saturday 26th July.

Time is quickly running out for any Parents & Supporters of SPX Rugby who are travelling to Orange to book accommodation for the Friday night before the games. Further information on discounted rates for accommodation in Orange and the traditional SPX Dinner function on the Friday night is detailed in the Flyer on the following page.

Please note that due to the number of teams Kinross are able to field, there will not be fixtures in Orange for all Senior School teams on 26th July. While the majority of the teams will be playing against Kinross, the U13Cs and 2nd XV will be playing against The Scot’s School in Bathurst and the U16Bs will not have a fixture. At the time of going to press it was uncertain whether the 3rd XV will have a fixture that day or not.

KEY DATES IN 2014 FOR SPX RUGBY SUPPORTERS
Please note the following dates in your diaries – more details will be communicated closer to the dates:

- 25-26 July – Parents & Supporters Overnight Trip to Orange – refer attached Flyer
- 19 August – Rugby Presentation Night

Liam Ward - SPX Rugby Club - 0417 981827
maildraw@bigpond.com
ST PIUS X RUGBY – ORANGE WEEKEND AWAY 25-26 JULY

ACCOMMODATION / DINNER INFORMATION

On Friday 25th July many parents and boys will be heading to Orange for the away weekend of Rugby against Kinross-Wolaroi School. At this time we traditionally have a dinner on the Friday night with parents and boys on arrival in Orange. This year we have arranged accommodation across 3 motels of which one of them is Turners Vineyard. It is at Turners Vineyard in Orange, where we will be holding the Friday night dinner.

We have arranged Wine Tasting at Turners Vineyard from 6.00-7.00pm on Friday 25th July followed by dinner at 7.30pm at The Red Oak Café & Function Centre at Turners Vineyard, Mitchell Highway, Orange. Cost for the 2 course dinner will be $30 per head and children 12 and under $15 per head.

**PLEASE NOTE BOOKINGS & PAYMENT FOR DINNER ON FRIDAY 25TH JULY MUST BE MADE THROUGH THE RED OAK CAFÉ DIRECTLY. PLEASE PHONE 0499 150 065 BETWEEN 8.00AM-3.00PM TO BOOK AND PAY FOR DINNER PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL. DINNER BOOKINGS MUST BE PAID AND FINALISED BY MONDAY 21ST JULY.

Following are the choices of accommodation available for the weekend of 25-26 July. Please book directly with your choice of accommodation. When booking please ensure you mention that you are with St Pius X College Rugby as we have negotiated special rates for this weekend.

TURNERS VINEYARD

- Studio room - $135.00
- One bedroom apartment - $160.00
- One bedroom spa villa - $180.00
- Two bedroom apartment - $190.00
- Two bedroom spa villa - $200.00

Depending on the amount of people in the room, sofa beds can be an extra $10.00

**All rates include a continental breakfast served in the Vines restaurant

QUALITY INN AMBASSADOR ORANGE

- Family rooms (1 queen and 3 singles) $175 for 2 people plus an additional $20 per additional person
- Spa rooms have a king bed in them only and are $179
- Executive suite (1 king bed) $165
- Executive rooms (1x queen and 1 single) $165 for 2 people in a double plus $20 for the additional person or twin share
- Standard rooms (1 queen and 1 single) $155 for 2 people plus $20 for additional person or twin share

** Breakfast is not included in the above room rates

IBIS STYLES ORANGE
Phone: 63626033 http://www.ibisorange.com/

Standard Twin (Queen bed & single bed) - $189 per night
Family Room (Queen bed & 2 single beds) - $209 per night
2 Roomed Family (Queen bed & 2 single beds) - $219 per night
2 Rooms Family (Queen bed & 3 singles) - $249 per night
Queen Twin (2 Queen beds) - $219 per night

**Prices are based on maximum occupancy for adults and children 12 and over. For less than full occupancy or for children under 12 reduced tariffs may apply.

**All rooms include a continental buffet. Guests may upgrade to a cooked breakfast for $8 per person.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ROSEMARY MURPHY romurphy304@gmail.com
Become A Volunteer Host Family

Enrich Your Home With A WEP Exchange Student
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family.

Arriving in January:
Angelica (17) from Italy says that she is excited to start school in Australia, to meet her new classmates and start speaking English with them. She has been doing artistic gymnastics since she was 6 and currently trains 3 times per week. Although she admits she isn’t at a high level, she loves the sport and spending time with her teammates. She tells us that she is looking forward to meeting her new host family, is willing to help out with housework and is excited to meet her new host siblings.

Pietro (17) from Italy enjoys martial arts, playing cards and games, general fitness and plays both the trumpet and piano. He tells us that on Sunday mornings he often goes to church or bakes with his father and sister. He also says that he is optimistic and hopes that his exchange experience will help him grow as a person.

Find out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs
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Online: www.wep.org.au
STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND - FREE FAMILY INFORMATION EVENING FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE IN 2014

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that is registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia and with the Ministry of Education in NZ. We are the first and only secondary exchange organisation in Australia and New Zealand to be certified to ISO 9001 (Quality Management System) and we ensure the highest standards of care and support to our participants.

We would like to invite your students and families to a FREE Information Evening in Sydney on Wednesday, 30th July. The session is being held at the Adina Apartment Hotel Sydney, Corner Kent & Bathurst St, Sydney and starts at 7:30pm.

Students can find out more about our exchange programs to over 25 countries, listen to former exchange students share their experience and learn about our scholarships and discounts on offer in 2014.

"You come back a different person, with so much more confidence & you feel that you can conquer the world" Jessica, Semester Program to Italy

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Hear from returned students, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

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Visit www.studentexchange.org.au or call 1300 135 331 for more information

CHANGES TO THE Go4Fun PROGRAM

The start date has been postponed until next Wednesday 23rd July and we have also decided to run it as a ONCE-FER-WEEK program to make it more accessible for families. Please support this free healthy lifestyle program.