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Principal's Welcome



Welcome to the Spring edition of Pius in Profile, which reflects the College's welcome return to its usual busy round of activities, in this our 85th year. We have put the challenges of the previous years behind us and we now celebrate the many achievements of the entire College community.

Once again, our Year 12s have exited the College with great style and ceremony. They have been fine leaders and lived up to their year theme of 'Aspiring to Inspire' those around them.

Our Winter Sports seasons are complete and there have been some notable successes - in particular the recent victory of our Athletics team in becoming ISA Champions. Debating, in which our Senior Team were CSDA Finalists, Rugby and

Football also had strong seasons. It is very pleasing to be able to mention these, and many other achievements, such as our many performances and concerts in this magazine.

The College's 85th Anniversary Concert was held May 17 at the Chatswood Concourse and was a wonderful celebration of music and drama acknowledging the history of the College and showcasing the wonderful talents of our students and staff.

This is the final time as Principal that I will write an introduction to Pius in Profile. Reviewing the wide variety of activities represented in this publication indicates the great sense of pride we should all feel in the successes of this community. It has been an honour to serve as your Principal for twelve years. There is much to celebrate, but what stands out to me is the quality of the people who are associated with this school – the past and present students, teachers, parents, families and friends, who make up this community. We are all truly blessed to belong to such a group. I wish everyone the very best for the future.

God Bless you all.

Mr John Couani
PRINCIPAL

fide et labore,
THROUGH FAITH AND HARD WORK



ISA Athletic Champions with Mrs Lee, Mr Dobb and Mr Virgona.



CSDA Debating Finalists

Good Luck and Farewell Class of 2022



Top Class of 2022. **Bottom** Year 12 Internal Graduation Official Party.



Top Year 12 Graduation Mass. **Middle left** Major Award Recipients. Back row; Ronan Crispe, Ben Cullen, Will Staber, Justin Park, Elliot Cook, Peter Yastreboff. Front row; Will Ramsbottom, Max Leo and Thomas Marren. **Middle right** Leo Blane. **Bottom left** Thomas Goodwin-Barlow and Anthony Elliott. **Bottom right** Simon Magnier, Bailey Perkins, Chris Zilifian and Jamie Todd.

2023 Leadership



Mr Michael Ronchetti - New Principal of St Pius X College Commencing 2023

We look forward to welcoming Mr Ronchetti to the College next January. Michael is a highly experienced leader in Catholic education and has a deep knowledge of and commitment to the values of a Catholic education in the Edmund Rice tradition. He is currently the Principal at St Dominic's College, Penrith, where he has demonstrated exemplary leadership for the past eight years. Prior to this Michael served in leadership roles at Christian Brothers' High School, Lewisham and Marist College, Kogarah.

Michael complements his leadership experience with a Master of Educational Leadership, a Bachelor of Education and a Diploma of Education from the Australian Catholic University.

He is an active member of St Bernadette's Church in Clemton Park. We welcome him to this important leadership role at the College.

Student Leaders for 2023



Eamon Boyle
COLLEGE CAPTAIN



Mitchell McGrath
COLLEGE VICE CAPTAIN



Joshua Bewley
COLLEGE VICE CAPTAIN

HOUSE CAPTAINS



Isaac Byrne
BARRON



William Pavely
PURTON



Zachary Flynn
RICE



Lucas Hamill
TREACY

PREFECTS

Wellbeing Prefects



William Sykes



Liam Thomson



Thomas Wilkins

Mission and Identity



Thomas Ryan



Luke Sissons



Daniel Walters

Cultural Prefects



Henrik Hogg



Aaron Lau



Luke Sarkissian

Learning Prefects



Xander Buckingham



Jamie Leong



Edward Turner

Academic Achievements

Academic Awards - Years 7 - 10

The Celebration of Learning Academic Awards ceremony took place on Friday August 3, showcasing creative and inspiring student presentations and performances, as well as recognising the academic achievements of students in Years 7-10 from Semester One. Special guest speaker was Dux of the College in 2015, Ben John. Ben, who after graduating from Law, worked as an Associate to Justice Fabian Gleeson on the NSW Court of Appeal, now works with Allens Linklaters Law Firm. He outlined his seven most important lessons from being a student at St Pius X College, to the benefit of the students, parents and school community in attendance. The following Awards were presented on the day:

160 Fide Awards

(31 Year 7, 35 Year 8, 54 Year 9, 40 Year 10)

35 Waterford Awards (Years 7 to 10)

77 Growth in Learning Awards (Years 8 to 10)

4 Blue Academic Colour Awards

10 Silver Academic Colour Awards



Top Academic Awards Ceremony Official Party. **Middle** Awardees. **Bottom** Year 10 Drama presentation.

Co-curricular Colour Awards

A total of 100 Awards were presented at the Co-curricular Colour Award Ceremony held at the Concourse on Tuesday September 6. The Awards were presented to students for achievement and participation in all aspects of Sport or other Co-curricular activities.

The following Awards Colour Awards were presented:

Gold and Silver Colour Awards

	Gold	Silver
Cross Country	1	1
Basketball	3	15
Cricket	3	6
Debating	4	4
Football	4	15
Music	1	14
Rugby	6	18
Swimming	-	3
Tennis		2
Total	22	78

During the year 243 Blue Awards were also presented across Years 7-12 at the weekly College assemblies.



Top Major Colour Awardees. **Bottom** Senior Jazz Band.

Teaching and Learning

da Vinci Decathlon

The Decathlon competition places a particular emphasis on higher order thinking skills, problem solving and creativity. 11 teams of students from Years 7 to 10 competed in the decathlon in May. Teams of eight completed timed tasks across 10 disciplines: Engineering, Mathematics, Chess, Code Breaking, Art, Poetry, Science, English, Ideation, Creative producing, Cartography and Legacy.

Write A Book in A Day

Two teams of students from each of Years 8, 9 and 10 participated in the National Writing competition, *Write a Book in a Day*, with the task of composing a book in a day for children with cancer.

Sydney Writers' Festival

114 students attend the Sydney Writers' Festival at the Carriage Works in May for a day full of writing, chatting with their peers, listening to writers evoke passion and emotion through their word. A Year 10 student summarised the day's activities *"in a time, when literature is under threat, the importance of creating such a space to have these discussions around the intersection of books and life is vital"*.

Love of Literature Prestigious Awards

These talented and creative students were awarded for their independent literary efforts.

Joe Lonergan - Merit Award, Nan Mansfield Writing Competition.

Ben Cullen - Merit Award, Nan Mansfield Writing Competition, recognition for short Editorial opinion for Sydney Morning Herald during the 100-day lockdown titled 'COVID - the online transition'.

Ethan Griffin - 3rd Place, Poetry in Action.

Frank Houlihan - Excelling Nomination, Mosman Poetry Competition.

Isaac Elms - First Prize, NSW Senior Secondary Poetry Competition for his stunning poem, 'Motorcar'.

The Mosman Youth Awards in Literature St Pius X College students were presented three Honorary Awards:

Cooper Anderson - 'Dreams'

Cameron Masters - 'They Would Welcome Us'

Luke Sissons - 'My Shark'

Year 10 student Tom Roche was runner up in the *What Matters?* Writing Competition with his story 'Blue Ghosts'. He was presented his award at the Whitlam Centre in Western Sydney. Thomas Cleary (Year 11) was noted as an honorary award recipient for his 'Black Lines on Almost Yellow Paper'.

Big Science Competition

The Big Science Competition held in May each year, is a 50-minute, multiple choice competition testing science knowledge, critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. Students from Years 7-10 competed in the competition and the College received 11 x High Distinction, 33 x Distinction and 101 Credit certificates.



Top left Year 8 da Vinci Decathlon team. **Top right** Year 10 students at the Sydney Writers Festival. **Bottom left** Literature Awardees. **Bottom right** Big Science Competition High Distinction Award Winners.

Year 9 Market Day

During September Year 9 Commerce students prepared a business and sold goods for the day while experiencing the ups and downs of running their own business.

Science Club and Week

The theme for Science Week this year was Glass: More than meets the Eye... and the activities included: using glass in optics, bending glass experiments and a Kahoot. Science Club continues to run weekly at lunchtimes and is very popular with students who have enjoyed the many different activities including- making mini fire extinguishers; investigating surface tension and density; commencement of the rebuilding of a fox skeleton; experimenting with gravity and using the combustion of methylated spirits to power a bottle rocket.

Australian History Competition

In Term 2, Year 9 and 10 students who are studying History took part in the Australian History Competition. The results for St Pius X College were among the best in the time that the school has been involved. Congratulations to the students who achieved High Distinctions which placed them in the top 5% of all who participated from Stage 5 in Australia. Year 9: Ethan Auer, Christo Playle and Ryan O'Reilly and from Year 10: Harry Feehan, Sam Hollinger, Cameron Masters, Luke Mooney and Ewan Murphy.

Australian Geography Competition

Students who achieved a Distinction or High Distinction in the Australian Geography Competition were presented with their certificates during Assembly in May. Congratulations to Chris Mander in Year 10 who received acknowledgment for being in the top 1% of students in the competition.

Fête de la Bastille

On Monday August 22 the College celebrated a belated "Fête de la Bastille". The day included an accordionist playing some musette in the school lobby followed by some quick snapshots with the Bastille photo frame before a "French-themed Assembly" where students studying French from Year 8 to Year 12, spoke in French and English and recounted the story behind "La Fête Nationale" (Bastille Day), the relationship between France and Australia, the John Monash Centre in France, and introduced the French Club. Year 8 students then enjoyed "The French Counter" a Crêpes making workshop where they got to practice their language skills.



Top Team Jezza's Mexicano during Market Day. **Second** Students enjoying Science Week Activities. **Third** Australian History Competition Awardees. **Fourth** Australian Geography Competition Awardees. **Bottom** Bastille Day Festivities.

Mission and Identity



Mother's Day Celebrations

The Senior School hosted a Liturgy and breakfast for Mother's Day, led by Mission and Identity Prefects: Andrew Guerrero, Nathan McAdam and Andrew McKinnon. College Captain, Will Staber, provided a heart-felt and moving reflection at the Liturgy that certainly highlighted the importance of having supportive women in our lives.

The Junior School then gathered with their mothers and grandmothers at Our Lady of Dolours Parish to celebrate Mass. The Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary gave Fr Joey Frez the opportunity to expand upon the wonderful example that Mary is to the mothers of today: courageous, faith-filled, yet concerned for her child.

Father's Day Celebrations

The Senior School gathered to thank the male role models in their lives during September. Fr David Ranson lead the liturgy, along with members of the Student Leadership Team. College Vice-Captain Ben Cullen provided a reflection from a student's perspective on the role that fathers play in the lives of the young men of St Pius X College. The Parents and Friends Association then provided a coffee and a BBQ breakfast following the liturgy.

The Junior School hosted nearly 200 dads and special guests for a day of Father and Son sport at Oxford Falls.

Student Wellbeing

Mentoring Program

Students in the Mentoring Program attended an after-school activity at ClimbFit, St Leonards. The activity was a chance for the junior and senior students involved in the program to get to know each other further while spending time building their confidence and trust. The boys had a great time together and learnt some new skills at the same time.

Year 9 workshop with Mercy College

During September Year 9 Students enjoyed a formative workshop at Oxford Falls in the company of Mercy College Chatswood Year 9 students and staff. The topical themes of Respect and Interpersonal Relationships were explored within the context of the Year 9 Pastoral Care Theme: Respectful Men of Honour.

R U OK? DAY and Jersey Day

On Friday September 9, students had the opportunity to write a note on who/what they are grateful for on R U OK? Day and wear their favourite jersey to support conversations around organ donation in support of Jersey Day.

Max Lenton and Aaron Lau's band entertained the College from the outdoor assembly podium at lunch and there was a guest performance by Mr "Johnny Be Good" Couani!

Camps and Retreats

It has been beneficial for the boys to be able to participate in the camps and retreats again this year. They are an integral component of the Pastoral Care Program at the College as they encourage social interactions with their peers in a different setting and the mutual respect and care and concern for the wellbeing of others.

After a two year COVID hiatus 163 Year 8 students enjoyed excellent conditions at their week-long Ski Trip skiing at Blue Cow Ski Resort and staying at the 7th Day Adventist Camp Jindabyne. The Year 7/8 Ski Trip is a long standing rite of passage for many students in their pastoral care journey through the College.

Year 6 boys spent three days at Milson Island participating in every activity with enthusiasm. They proved rain was not going to stand in the way of a good time. The boys enjoyed fishing, orienteering, BMX bike riding, canoeing, kayaking, making fire, fencing, dining together, avoiding Pete the (Diamond) Python, and a range of other activities.

In June, Year 5 had a wonderful 3-day camp at Point Wolstoncroft, which is set on the shores of Lake Macquarie.



Top Year 9 St Pius X College and Mercy Catholic College students at Oxford Falls. **Bottom left** Year 12 students and teachers getting into the spirit of R U OK? Day and Jersey Day. **Bottom right** Year 8 ski trip.

Social Justice

Social Outreach with Centacare

During the school holidays a group of Year 10 and 11 students completed work alongside employees of Centacare at Belmore. Centacare is a Catholic organisation that provides meaningful employment and training for adults living with severe intellectual disabilities. Students worked as part of the Solidarity Program with employees – living a day in the life of someone dealing with an intellectual disability. They were involved in the factory operations, training programs involving cooking and IT skills as well as safety and communication skills. The experience for the boys is very humbling and opens their eyes to a world that they may never have had the opportunity to encounter. The employees also enjoy the time the young men of St Pius X College give to them. During the next holidays the students will provide each employee with a gift for their Christmas party.

Winter Appeal

Driven by Year 9, the College collected goods for St Vincent de Paul, Brookvale and Jesuit Refugee Services, Parramatta during June. As a part of ongoing Social Justice initiatives students are encouraged to consider the plight of those around them, and to act by giving to the poor in handfuls.

BeConnected Program - Willoughby Library

Congratulations to Joshua Bewley, Edward Turner, Jack Charlton, Darcy Keenlyside, Lachlan Giang, Luke Sarkissian (Y11) Dominic Mitchell, Will Zahra, Chris Mander, Harrison Morton (Y10) who participated in the BeConnected Program, conducted in partnership with Willoughby Library. BeConnected is a “tech help” program for the elderly, centered on helping program participants on building skills in using their technological devices.

The program ran for a total of six weeks with the weekly program involving elderly members of the public bringing in their own devices, and learning “tips and tricks” from our students. This was a fantastic opportunity for the boys to engage and help out in the wider community and will no doubt contribute to the growth of mentor and mentee alike!

During September the students were featured on Channel 9 News and SBS programs.

The program has been so successful it will now continue into Term 4.



Top left Year 10 and 11 students with young adults from Centacare. **Top right** Participants of the BeConnected Program with Mayor Tanya Taylor. **Bottom left** The Edmund Rice Society packing up donations from the Winter Appeal. **Bottom right** Filming of St Pius X students with their senior buddies.



Top left Red Dirt Immersion at Sandstone caves. **Top right** Mr Cunneen, Professor Dennis Foley, Mr Couani and Mr Brannan with Year 11 students. **Bottom** Uncle Leslie with students from the Rugby and Football teams wearing their Indigenous Jersey's.

Red Dirt Expedition and Immersion

55 students and staff travelled to outback NSW during the July holidays to engage with rural and remote Aboriginal communities, schools, and visit cultural sites as part of the annual Red Dirt Expedition. The group visited the Warrumbungles Coonabarabran; Sculptures in the Pilliga Scrub, Dandry Gorge, Baradine; Siding Springs Aust Astronomical Telescope, Grand High Tops and Breadknife walk; Baradine NPWS Discovery Centre and Local Area Land Council; Brewarrina Fish Traps and Aboriginal Cultural Centre; Bourke PCYC, Gundabooka NP, Port of Bourke Hotel, Wharf and Fred Hollows Grave Memorial. They visited Schools including St John's Baradine and Baradine Central School; St Lawrence's and Coonabarabran High; St Brigid's and Coonamble High; St Josephs Walgett; St Patrick's Brewarrina and St Ignatius Bourke. This immersion provides students an invaluable first hand insight into Indigenous culture, history and appreciation for rural communities.

Reconciliation Week

The College participated in Indigenous Reconciliation Week (May 27 to June 3) with a powerful Indigenous Reconciliation Ceremony attended by proud Yuin Man Uncle Leslie.

Acknowledging he was on Cammeraygal Land Uncle Leslie performed a ritual smoking ceremony and in the process 'smoked' the Indigenous Jerseys worn by the Rugby and Football Teams. The fire used in the ceremony was ignited in the traditional way – by rubbing sticks together in a compelling demonstration of traditional skills, encouraging the flame to come to the group.

The smoking ceremony initiated the student representative teams as Ambassadors for Reconciliation.

The time spent together provided a glimpse into Aboriginal Spirituality for the young men of St Pius X College so that in the coming years they will continue to be true Ambassadors for Reconciliation.

The College also hosted proud Cammeraygal elder Professor Dennis Foley PhD, MBA, to a School Assembly in May. As a survivor of the stolen generation, and veteran of Vietnam, Dennis, through sharing his stories, helped students understand their roles as contemporary custodians of the land, and inheritors of the story of the country on which they learn, play and live. Dennis' teaching will inform the College's Reconciliation Action Plan and initiatives such as the Red Dirt Expedition, Immersions and Aboriginal teaching and learning throughout the year.

Sport

Senior Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Treacy House for their win. The results were Treacy:1068, Purton: 1014, Rice: 992, Barron: 884

Ambassadors for Reconciliation

St Pius X College played an Indigenous Rugby round against St Aloysius' commencing with an Acknowledgment of Country and both teams wore their Indigenous jerseys. The students from each school committed themselves as Ambassadors of Reconciliation in a moving and powerful ceremony.

It was a spirited afternoon of Rugby for the Ross Fagan Shield commemorating past players and friendships from both schools. St Pius X 1st XV are now the Ross/Fagan Memorial Shield holders, having defeated St Aloysius' for the past three years.

Representative Players

Congratulations to the following players making it to representative level:

Massimo Papallo (Year 10) - NSW U15 Football

James Griffith (Year10) - NSW Gen Blue Trial Squad

Flynn Pavely (Year 9) - NSW U15 Cricket

ISA Cross Country

The SPX Cross-Country team competed at the ISA Selection Carnival at the Sydney Equestrian Centre Wednesday May 25 with a squad of 39 competitors led by Cross Country Captain Josh Brown and experienced Year 12 cohort.

The Junior boys placed 3rd overall, Intermediate 2nd and the Senior Boys defended last year's win, taking the Shield. Overall, the SPX team placed 2nd in a tightly fought contest - the best result to date.

Football Grand Finals

Congratulations to the ISA Football Champions. The 13B's won their Grand Final 1-0 and the Year 12 4th XI also won their penalty shoot out to remain undefeated all season.

Commiserations to our 15B and 14B teams who were both narrowly beaten but a fantastic achievement just to make the grand finals.

We would like to particularly acknowledge the work of Mr Steve Quilty, who after 26 years as the SPX 1st XI coach has stepped down due to his taking long service leave next year.



Top left Senior Athletics Carnival. **Top right** St Pius X College 1st Rugby at the Ross Fagan Shield against St Aloysius'.
Bottom left ISA Cross Country team. **Bottom right** 13B Grand final winners.

Duke of Ed Adventurous Journeys

After many cancellations due to COVID-19 and severe weather events the Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journeys managed to proceed during Terms 2. 40 students from Year 9 assisted by College Old Boys Jack Schyvens, Dan Butler and Denis Webber and Outdoor Education Co-ordinator Mr de Silva undertook two overnight hikes in the Ku-ring-ai Chase National Park.

ISA Tennis

Congratulations to the Division 9 team of Samuel Hernandez Martinez, Elijah De-Fina, Isaac Birchall-Molloy, Matthew Sissons, Jayden Arapoc and Owen Calleia who made it through to the Finals and played well against a strong St Patrick's College team, but ultimately came away as Runners-Up.

Nicholas Gladen - National Swimming

Year 10 student, Nicholas Gladen, competed in the School Sport Australia Swimming Championships. He was swimming against men from their late teens to their 30s and achieved Gold in 100m Backstroke, Silver in 50m Backstroke, Gold in 4x50m Mixed Medley relay (including Meet Record), 4th in 4x50m Freestyle Relay and 7th in 100m Breaststroke.

Gymnastic Championships

St Pius X College had two talented students attend the National Gymnastics Championships on the Gold Coast in May.

Year 12 student, Chris Dimos was unfortunately injured during the competition and was only able to compete in 3 out of 6 apparatuses. He performed well, winning a Silver on the Floor.

Year 10 student, John Carroll achieved some wonderful results, winning 6 medals out of 8 podium opportunities. His medals included 2 Gold (NSW Team Overall and Vault), 3 Silver (Individual Overall, Floor and High Bars) and a Bronze for Parallel Bars. Congratulations to both boys.

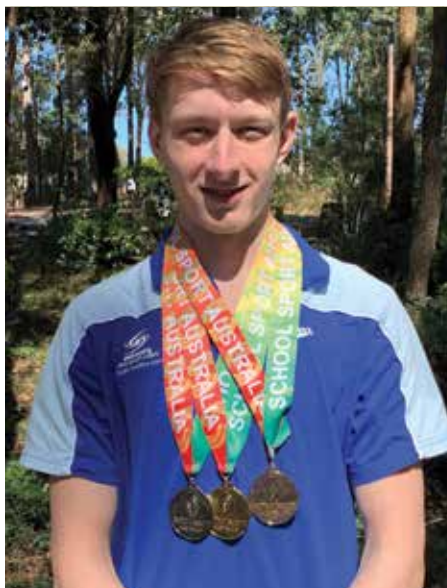
ISA Athletic Division 1 Champions

Congratulations to the SPX Athletic Squad who were the ISA Division 1 Champions at the Carnival held at Olympic Park on September 13.

Division 1 Boys Intermediate Shield Winners (15's and 16's)

Division 1 Boys Senior Shield Winners (17's and Opens)

ISA Division 1 Champions (Overall Winners)



Top left Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award hike. **Top right** John Carroll and Chis Dimos participating at the National Championships along with Ciaran Lynch (Class of 2021). **Bottom left** Nicholas Gladen. **Bottom right** ISA Tennis team.

Performing Arts



Top left Climate Movie Premiere. **Top right** Senior Strings performing at the Twilight Concert. **Bottom left** Scenes from The Climate Movie.

The Climate Movies – Not Dead Yet

Last year students from the Senior and Intermediate Drama Ensembles worked together to write, film and shoot four short movies that were linked together under the theme of 'climate emergency'. The College hired a production company called *cblok* to work with the students when filming and editing and the results have really paid off.

The movies were presented on Monday September 19 in the Sarto Centre to a full house.

Twilight Concert Farewells Year 12

The Performing Arts Twilight Concert was held in September and featured all the Senior Ensembles performing extended programs as a tribute to their talents and dedication to Performing Arts at the College.

HSC Nominations

Congratulations to William Ramsbottom, Joshua Squires, Jamie Todd and William Walsh-Penny for their HSC Group Performance of "The Monster Within" which has been nominated for possible inclusion in the 2022 HSC Showcase season as part of OnSTAGE.

Congratulations to William Ramsbottom for his individual Drama piece entitled "Death of England" which has also been nominated for possible inclusion in 2022 HSC Showcase season as part of OnSTAGE.

Congratulations to Tom Livy who has been nominated for possible inclusion in HSC Showcase, Encore, a selection of performances and compositions from HSC Music students.



Visual Arts

Showcasing Student Self Portraits

Student artworks are now adorning the College administration areas including hallways, meeting rooms, reception areas and administration offices. The artworks featured include self portraits by Year 10 students, pop art style portraits from Years 7 and 8 and some HSC photography works.

Year 7 and 8 Visual Arts enjoyed creating self-portraits in the art style of 'Pop Art' and Year 10 Visual Arts students explored an old genre in new and interesting ways. They used a variety of tools for painting including palette knives and sticks as well as brushes. The choice of colours, not limited to nature, helped to push boundaries and give students the chance to explore aspects of their own character and personality.

Lights Camera Pius! Short Film Festival

The seventh annual Lights Camera Pius! Film Festival was a well-attended event during September led by members of the Film Festival Committee, Luke Sarkissian, Xavier Domenici, Luca van Vuuren, Ben Cutbill and Michael Krizan,

and supported by teachers Ms Frances Doyle and Ms Annie Bryant. The 24 entries were shown and included short digital animations (very time consuming to create) and longer dramas with some very creative film making approaches.

First Prizes went to Arlo Costello (Year 5 - 6) for "The Tale of John Jones", Noah Watson and Jake Swan (Year 7 - 8) for "The Key of History" and Caleb Hanrahan (Years 9 - 11) for "Suburbia".

The Craig Ruddy Award for Outstanding Achievement in Visual Arts

Each year at the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony Major Prizes and Awards are presented to recognise the hard work and dedication of students. A new Award was introduced this year to acknowledge outstanding achievement in Visual Arts. Aptly named the Craig Ruddy Award after Archibald Prize winner Craig Ruddy, Class of 1986, who was a five time Archibald finalist and winner of the 2004 Archibald Prize with his portrait David Gulpilil 'Two Worlds'. Craig passed away in early 2022 and is fondly remembered by the College.



Top left Proud Year 10 boys with their self portraits. **Top right** Year 7 and 8 Pop Art on display. **Bottom left** Lights Camera Pius! **Bottom Middle** Students filming scenes from their short film. **Bottom right** The new Craig Ruddy Award for Outstanding Visual Arts Students.

Junior School

Junior Athletics Carnival

Held at Homebush Wednesday June 8 with Treacy House winning the cup.

da Vinci Decathlon

The da Vinci Decathlon proved to be a very popular event with 34 boys vying for the 16 spots on offer. Held online, the teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the day was infectious.

Football tour to Tamworth

The Junior Football Preps team travelled to Tamworth to participate in the National Primary Games. They were awarded the Spirit of Football Award by the other teams and organisers for their great sportsmanship and attitude during the Games!

Robotics Club

It was easy to see why this is such a popular extra-curricular activity at the College. Held in the Junior Resource Centre on Tuesday after school students enjoy building robots and getting them to follow the programmed paths.

Walkathon for Charity

During August junior students participated in the annual Walkathon for Charity at Oxford Falls. The money raised went towards supporting the College sister schools of St Mary's Bowraville, and St Joseph's Walgett, as well as a ten-year-old Zambian girl, through the World Vision Program.

Book Week Parade

The keenly anticipated Book Parade returned this year with some wonderful costumes on parade. Congratulations to our overall winners, Liam, Massimo and Phoenix and thanks to Ms Martin who lovingly organises this popular event each year.

National Cross Country Champion

Congratulations to Cristiano Calcarao who won the NSW Cross Country Championships and then went on to win the National Championships in Adelaide.

Father and Son Sports Day

In an event described as "epic" and "the best ever", nearly 200 dads and special guests enjoyed a day of sport at Oxford Falls as part of the Father's Day Celebrations. Special thanks to Mr Carroll for organising the event, to all the mums who provided the BBQ, and to all the dads and grandfathers for taking the time to come and spend some quality time with their sons.



From top to bottom Photo 1 Winners of the Junior School Athletics Carnival, Treacy House. Photo 2 Junior School da Vinci Decathlon team. Photo 3 Junior School Prep Football team in Tamworth. Photo 4 The Winners of 2022 Book Week. Photo 5 Cristiano with Mr Couani. Photo 6 Father's Day at Oxford Falls.

Our College Community

P&F Trivia Night

The P&F hosted the College annual Trivia Night in September, this was a great opportunity for the parent community to farewell Principal John Couani. Over 330 guests spectacularly dressed as John, with John and Maree Couani dressed as Pharaohs. The night was a great success with over \$20k being raised to for the continual support of the College clubs.



Thank You and Best Wishes

Staff Retirements

Ms Julie Collings started at St Pius X College in 2009 and has been an integral part of the Mathematics Department. We wish Julie a happy and relaxing retirement, enjoying quality time with her gorgeous grandchildren and puppies.

After 8 years at the College, Mr Greg Bell will be retiring. Greg was the Curriculum Administration and Knowledge Management Coordinator and also taught Mathematics. This will bring to a close Greg's outstanding 44 year teaching career.

Mr David Webster commenced at the College in 2016 as English Coordinator. David has been a valuable and committed staff member.

Mrs Melissa King commenced at the College in 1994 as School Secretary. In 1997 she took up the position of Admissions Secretary (now called Registrar). On various occasions Melissa has filled in as PA to the Principal during times of staff leave. Melissa has played an integral role in the continued success of College enrolments over the past 28 years and will be sorely missed.

College Old Boys

Congratulations to our Old Boys

Dominic Panozzo Class of 2021 represented Australia in the 400m hurdles at the World U/20 Athletic Championships in Cali, Columbia in August.

Daniel O'Kelly Class of 2013 recently visited the College to share his journey into the seminary at the Good Shepherd Seminary in Homebush.

James Brown Class of 2018 presented to a packed lunch-time audience of senior students, and generously gifted each audience member a copy of his book, *'The Rookie Investor'*.

James Brannan Class of 2015 graduated with the prestigious Macquarie University Medal for Law for Academic Excellence.

Daniel Avakian Class of 1997 is an internationally renowned women's and men's fashion designer. On September 12 he debuted at New York Fashion Week with his digital edit of the Blade Runner-inspired collection titled *'The Tears in the Rain'* which was originally presented at Afterpay Australian Fashion Week in May this year, which made waves as the first ever show to feature virtual fashion on virtual models.

Lucas Wareham Class of 2020 was selected to represent Australia at the ISU World Short Track Skating Championships. In late 2021 Lucas left Australia to train in Korea to further his development. Earlier this year he also competed in the 2022 World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships in Poland.

Bishop Peter Ingham Awarded AM

Congratulations to College Old Boy, Emeritus Bishop Peter Ingham, who was awarded an AM for Significant Service to the Catholic Church in Australia in this year's Queen's Birthday Awards Honours List. Bishop Ingham said Mass for the College at the Opening Mass this year, in celebration of our 85th Anniversary and was a special guest at the Old Boys' Mass on Friday September 9.



Top Bishop Ingham in 2021 at the Staff Spirituality Day.

Bottom Bishop Ingham was a special guest at the Old Boys Mass.



Top left Dominic Panozzo **Top middle** Daniel O'Kelly with Fr Ranson and Mr Couani **Top right** James Brown **Bottom left** James Brannan with his parents, Mr and Mrs Brannan **Bottom middle** Daniel Avakian **Bottom right** Pictured with Lucas (left) are fellow Australian team mates, Hyojin Kim and Brendan Corey.

In the name of Justice

During September the Year 12 student leaders visited the New South Wales Supreme Court to see a court case presided over by former College Junior School student, The Hon Michael Slattery AM. The students visited His Honour in Chambers where the legal case before Justice Slattery was explained to them. They then entered the court room on his invitation and were permitted to sit on the Bench next to the Judge. It was a wonderful opportunity for the three student leaders to view a court case in action. Following the court visit the students attended a reception at Parliament House on the invitation of local member for Willoughby Tim James MP.



The Hon Michael Slattery AM along with his former classmate Mr Tony Cunneen and student leaders Will Staber, Ben Cullen and Ronan Crispe.

Old Boys Association Mass and Dinner

On September 9 the St Pius X Old Boys Association Commemorated 85 years of the College with a Memorial Ceremony for community members who have passed, followed by a Mass and the Annual Dinner.

The Mass was celebrated by Fr Paul Roberts (College Captain '79) and attended by Old Boys Patron Br Carl Sherrin (Class of '53) and Bishop Peter Ingham (Class of '57) along with College Captains including Magistrate John Andrews (Class of '68), Liam Chang (Class of '21), Will Staber (Class of '22), and Eamon Boyle (Class of '23). Junior students Oliver Ryder (Year 5), Daniel Gorken-Spyrou and Shahe Tachian (Year 7) joined the congregation of Old Boys, Parents and Staff.



The Annual Dinner followed, with over 100 Old Boys' attending including many from the 2020, 2021, 1982 and 1986 cohorts. The night celebrated Mr Coauni's leadership along with Mr Terry Patterson, Mr Ross Masters, Mr Tony Cunneen and Mr Mark Pawlaks' teaching careers, and the contributions of SPX Old Boys President Mr Jeff Clarke (Class of '86) and his predecessor Mr David Bullard (Class of '82).



Vale

Matthew Marien Class of 1994

21/2/1976 - 9/6/2022

Matthew graduated from St Pius X College (Year 10) in 1992. His nephew, Hunter, is currently in Year 10 at the College. Matthew is survived by his wife, Lucy Marien, nee Nemes, (Brigidine Class of 1998), and his three young daughters.

John Quirk

25/1/1930 - 15/6/2022

John was the father of Old Boys Michael (Class of 1970) and Greg (Class of 1976).

Janice (Jenny) Sayer nee Tipping

12/12/1934 - 24/6/2022

Jenny was a stalwart of the Parish working tirelessly as a Catechist in local schools for over 30 years and leading the Antioch Youth Group in the 80s and 90s. The mother of Old Boy John (Class of 1986) and Carmel, Jodie, Kylie and Elizabeth who attended Mercy Catholic College.

Roma Marie Cahill

31/10/1930 - 24/7/2022

Roma was the mother of Jim, Anthony and Paul all of whom attended St Pius X College in the 1970s.

Margaret Tosatto nee de Sisto

10/3/1926 - 1/9/2022

Mrs Margaret Tosatto is the sister of St Pius X College (CBC Chatswood) first day pupil Jacob de Sisto, the only son of Australian-Italian family from Roseville, who was tragically killed in action serving in the Australian AIF 2/9th Infantry Battalion against the Japanese Forces on Bougainville in December 1944. Mrs Tosatto, aged 95, regularly attended College Remembrance Day commemorations.

Mary Doughty AM

28/8/1930 - 1/9/2022

Mary was the mother of Old Boys David (Class of 1979) and John (Class of 1984).

Facilities Update

Playground upgrade

The upgrade of the outdoor basketball court was completed early June and not only looks great but is proving to be a valuable outdoor space. It includes new gardens and landscape areas including new steps and stairs that can be used as lunch areas for students in Years 10-12.

Learning Hub – A Senior Learning Centre

The new Learning Hub is making great progress and although there have been major challenges with the weather, the program is progressing well.

The roof is going on and it is expected the project will be completed by early November and be ready for the start of the 2023 school year.

Following a range of consultation and discussion, it has been decided that the Learning Hub will be used as a Senior Learning Centre primarily for Year 11 and 12 classes with potentially some Year 10 classes as well.

Sarto Gym

The Sarto Centre Gym which is used for before and after school Strength and Conditioning Classes as well as PDHPE lessons has been updated to include some new furniture, large screen TV's and motivational signage. The cardio area now features inspirational Old Boys sport star posters including Michael Hooper Class of 2009 for Rugby, Alec Vinci Class of 2017 for Football, Timm Van der Gugten Class of 2008 for Cricket, Josh Duinker Class of 2007 for Basketball and Dominic Panozzo Class of 2021 for Athletics.



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Thank you Mr John Couani

John Couani succeeded Brother Michael Hoffman in 2011, thereby becoming the first Lay Principal of the College since it was founded in 1937. John fostered a vibrant and varied life at the College, marked by his energetic personal commitment to all forms of education, underpinned by an unwavering belief in the Catholic Faith. John embraced the four EREA Touchstones of Gospel Values, Justice and Solidarity, Liberation Spirituality and Inclusive community, to offer a wholistic educational experience for students that had its practical manifestation in the great variety of educational activities, rituals and ceremonies in the daily life of the College.

John made a point of engaging with all people both within

and associated with the College community: whether it be delivering speeches on formal occasions, meeting local dignitaries, taking an interest in the work and wellbeing of all students and teachers, attending a myriad number of school related functions and activities or simply making a point of greeting and farewelling as many people as possible as they arrived or left the College grounds. He was compassionate in his dealing with others, wise in his management of school processes and genuinely happy to be involved in festive celebrations.

John led St Pius X College as it moved from the foundations of the Christian Brothers into one that is an authentic school in the Edmund Rice tradition as presented by EREA.



Transition from Brother Michael Hoffman through meeting the Governor and some highlights of his time at the College.



1. One of the Year 10 *Write a book a Day* teams. 2. The Mosman Youth Awards in Literature Awardees: Cooper, Cameron and Luke.
3. Tom Roche receiving his *What Matters? Writing Award* from Patron Craig Reucassel. 4. Junior School ISA Cross Country team. 5. Year 5 students at camp
6. Year 6 at camp. 7. Junior School Robotics Club. 8. ClimbFit Mentoring.



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