

# InProfile

Spring 2018

Farewell and  
good luck to the  
Class of 2018



ST PIUS X COLLEGE  
CHATSWOOD



STEWARDS  
OF CREATION



# Year 12 Graduation

September 2018



Year 12, 2018 outside the Church



Graduation Luncheon



Award Winners



Year 12, 2018 with Mr Batchelor outside Concourse



Singing the school song at Graduation Mass



Year 12, 2018 with parents

## PRINCIPAL'S *Welcome*

### Welcome to the Spring 2018 edition of Pius in Profile.

The College has consolidated the strong start of 2018. Year 12 are preparing for the Higher School Certificate as Year 11 take over as leaders. They too will now start their journey to the final exams and graduation to life beyond the College. They will be men for the future. The winter sports season is complete and there have been many successes to celebrate. Of particular note is the recent success in the ISA Athletics Carnival in which the College came first in the Senior Division then second overall – an outstanding result which reflects the fine efforts of staff and students. Also, there have been many other successes in a range of areas: Alex Feehan (Year 6) was Runner Up in the Dorothy Mackellar Poetry Competition, Callum Stephen (Year 12) has been nominated for OnSTAGE for his drama performance, Hunter Clarke (Year 12) has been nominated for ENCORE for his HSC music and Luke Forwood received a North Sydney Community Award. There are many other successes highlighted in this edition.

The wider College community and its supporters have been involved in a number of events. Author Greg Growden, father of Angus in Year 12, dedicated his book, *The Wallabies at War* to our Head of the Junior School, Mr Tim Long. Tim was of great assistance to Greg on the Kokoda Track in 2016. Greg has said that Tim was instrumental in saving his life.

The College celebrated the appointment of our local Broken Bay Diocese Bishop, Peter Commensoli, to be Archbishop of Melbourne. Bishop Peter has been a great supporter of

the College and we congratulate him on the great trust the Holy Father has placed in him and wish him every success in his new Mission.

The College community continues its mission as Stewards of Creation. One of the College Touchstones is *Justice and Solidarity*. To this end the College held a raffle raising \$30,000 to aid drought stricken farmers in the NSW Coonabarabran community. The raffle was made possible by a generous donation of \$10,000 worth of jewellery by *Bowerhaus* to use as prizes. In other Social Justice initiatives the boys supported fundraising sales for Legacy. The biennial Kokoda expedition supported Callan Services in New Guinea as part of their experience. The idea of fostering right relationships is an important part of College life. The annual R U OK? Day in September was a great success in this regard.

This edition of Pius in Profile has a special focus on our departing Year 12's. They are a group of wonderful young men. There are many fine sportsmen, musicians, athletes, public speakers and students amongst them. It is always particularly pleasing to see the manner in which students are able to maintain their efforts across a range of activities. A key feature of Boys' Education is the need to balance all aspects of life. It is always encouraging to see young men walking to sport training, carrying a musical instrument in one hand and their school books in the other, moving effortlessly from one activity to the next, able to manage a busy and productive life which is the hallmark of success. The fact that these boys are able to collect money for charity, make speeches as required and are founded in Gospel values indicates that the future is in good hands.

At the beginning of September, I attended the EREA Congress in



Melbourne. The Congress stressed the way St Pius X College is part of a worldwide network of educational institutions connected by the common themes of service to God through education, justice, sensitivity to global issues and the vision of Edmund Rice.

John Couani  
PRINCIPAL

*fide et labore,*  
THROUGH FAITH AND HARD WORK



Alex Feehan (Year 6) Runner Up in the Dorothy Mackellar Poetry Award  
(See page 6 for poem)



Luke Forwood receiving his Award with Anabel Crabb journalist and Trent Zimmerman MP

## LEADERS AND ACHIEVERS

### Celebration of Learning Academic Awards

The Celebration of Learning Academic Awards ceremony took place on Friday 3rd August, showcasing creative and inspiring student presentations and performances, as well as recognising the academic achievements of students in Years 7-10. Co-owner of *The Grounds* in Alexandria and former student (SPX 2003) Mr Jack Henna inspired the students to find their passion and follow it. The following Awards were presented:

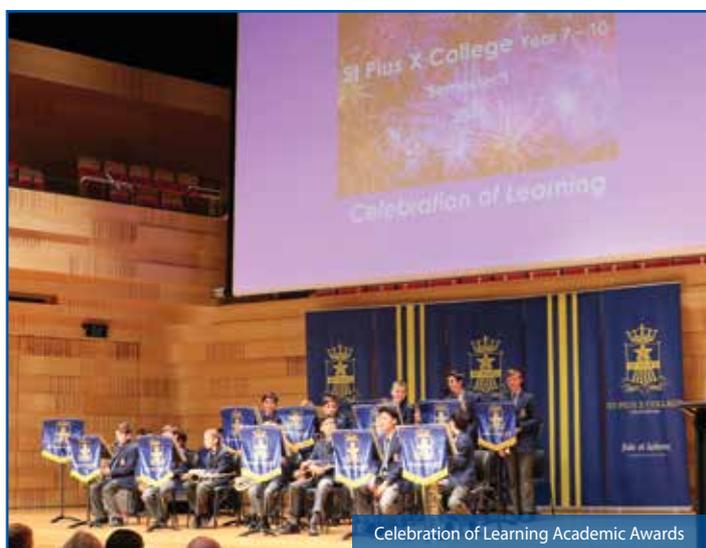
**122 Fide et Labore Awards (Years 7-10):**  
30 (Yr 7), 23 (Yr8), 34 (Yr9) and 35 (Yr10)

**17 Growth in Learning Awards (Years 8 – 10)**

**23 Waterford Awards (Years 7 – 10)**

**6 Blue Colour Awards**

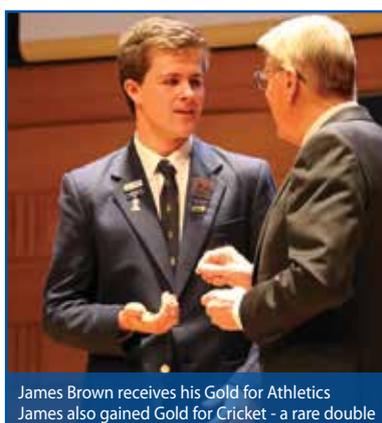
**2 Silver Colour Awards**



Celebration of Learning Academic Awards



Benjamin Cullen and Anthony Elliott (Year 8) receive their Awards



James Brown receives his Gold for Athletics  
James also gained Gold for Cricket - a rare double



Year 9 Academic Award Winners 2018

### Co-curricular Colour Awards

A total of ninety two Awards were presented at the Co-Curricular Colour Award Ceremony held at the Concourse on Monday 10th September. The Awards were presented to Year 11 and Year 12 students for achievement and participation in all aspects of Sport or other Co-curricular activities.

<b>MUSIC</b>	Gold	2	Silver	23
<b>RUGBY</b>	Gold	1	Silver	17
<b>DEBATING</b>			Silver	6
<b>SWIMMING</b>	Gold	1	Silver	4
<b>TENNIS</b>			Silver	3
<b>CRICKET</b>	Gold	1	Silver	5
<b>BASKETBALL</b>	Gold	1	Silver	7
<b>ATHLETICS</b>	Gold	2	Silver	3
<b>FOOTBALL</b>	Gold	2	Silver	14

During the year, Blue Awards were also presented across Years 7-12 at school assemblies.



Debating Silver Award Winners 2018

# Congratulations

## Year 12, 2019 Student Leaders

Congratulations to our student leaders for 2019 who will take up their new roles at the Investiture ceremony at the Concourse on November 1.



**COLLEGE CAPTAIN:** Oliver Tysoe

**COLLEGE VICE-CAPTAIN:** Luke Forwood

**COLLEGE VICE-CAPTAIN:** Nicholas McLachlan

### HOUSE CAPTAINS

**Barron:** Timothy McLachlan     **Rice:** Hayden Robertson

**Purton:** Luke Psaila             **Treacy:** Kalani Lenehan

### PREFECTS

#### Mission & Identity Prefects

David Ko  
Max Fazzino  
Thomas Jamieson

#### Well-Being Prefects

Jason Sacre  
Christopher Pelle  
Thomas Wong

#### Learning Prefects

Daniel Scipioni  
Aiden Teuma  
Neil D'Silva

#### Cultural Prefects

Hamish Alexander  
Lachlan Donlevy  
Nicholas McKenzie



Leadership Camp

## 2019 Leadership Camp

The newly elected 2019 leaders attended a three day Leadership Camp at Workul Koo "One God" (Huntington House) in late August under the guidance of Year 11 Coordinator Mr Masters. The Students worked on teamwork including goal setting, writing a strategic plan and developing a theme for 2019. The 2019 Student Leadership team also spent time at St Edmund's Wahroonga, one of the College's closest fellow EREA schools working with some of the incredibly positive students who live and learn with various levels of mild and moderate intellectual and physical disability and ability. The group gained a better understanding of what it truly means to be an Edmund Rice School.



Year 12, 2019 Student Leaders

## MISSION AND IDENTITY



### *Gospel Spirituality*

### Year 12 Graduation Mass

There was a wonderful turn out of parents and supporters to the Year 12 Graduation Mass on Friday 28th September. The theme for the Mass was the Basin and the Towel, taken from John's Gospel. The washing of the apostle's feet by Jesus is a symbolic action that speaks of service, compassion, faith and respect, all of which were explored at the Year 12 Retreat and have been an important aspect of the graduating class of 2018 for many years at St Pius.

### World Youth Day Cross

The Broken Bay Pilgrimage Cross visited our community twice in Term 2 to commemorate the Year of Youth in the Australian Church. The College honoured the Pilgrimage Cross at an assembly and Chapel Masses as well as sharing the occasions with Mercy College and our Parish community.

### North Sydney Community Award

Congratulations to Luke Forwood Year 11 and 2019 Vice-Captain, who received a North Sydney Community



World Youth Day cross arrives in Chatswood

Award on Thursday 27th September. In July Luke and his younger sister Charlotte were also presented with a Youth Ambassador Award by The Kids Cancer Project (TKCP) for their ongoing efforts in raising awareness and funding for the charity.

In 2013 their little brother, Nicholas, was diagnosed with Stage IV, High Risk Neuroblastoma, a rare form of cancer and received treatment at Westmead Children's Hospital. Luke and Charlotte have raised more than \$130,000 for the Kids Cancer Project to support research into childhood cancers that are difficult to cure. To support Nicholas, Luke and Charlotte had their heads shaved and have become the Project's most successful family fundraisers. With this experience and insight Luke has continued since then to be a great mentor to younger students at the College by being involved in both the Buddy Program and Peer Support Program. The College is very proud of Luke for his courage in continuing to make a positive difference to the lives of other children at a difficult time for him and his own family.



Luke with sister Charlotte and brother Nicholas

### DOROTHY MACKELLAR POETRY AWARD

RUNNER UP - UPPER PRIMARY

*Alexander Feehan*

ST. PIUS X COLLEGE, CHATSWOOD NSW

#### *Storm*

Shadows rolling in over the tallest buildings,  
Darkness overpowering the light,  
Fear in the air,  
People running inside for cover,  
The busy streets now empty of pedestrians  
Faces staring from the car windows.

Paddecks covered in darkness,  
Animals running to shelter near them,  
Fear and relief in the air,  
The crop is saved from thirst,  
The farmers now have water.

Blue becoming grey,  
Soft thumps becoming huge crashes against the hull,  
Men preparing for a long night,  
The fishing net coming in for the last time.

Storms bring rain and lightning,  
But also something else,  
For some people it brings fear, others relief,  
But we all feel a foreboding feeling,  
A feeling of anticipation,  
As we all wait for it to hit.



Alex Feehan (Year 6) Runner Up in the Dorothy Mackellar Poetry Award (see page 3)

*Justice and Solidarity*

**Ubuntu African choir visit**

Graduates of the African Children’s Choir shared their poignant life stories through song, masterful drumming and dance with the St Pius X College community during May. The College was fortunate to host the Ubuntu Choir’s 14 young performers, chaperones and crew from Kenya and Uganda. The highlight was a spectacular evening concert where over 200 guests were entertained by these beautiful young men and women who have embraced and revived their own lives through singing and dancing.



Ubuntu dancers

centres across PNG transforming the lives of students with hearing impairment, sight impairment, mobility issues, speech and learning difficulties – and their families.

**Reconciliation**

The College celebrated National Reconciliation Week from 27th May to 3rd June celebrating, and building on, the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as well as other Australians. The College welcomed Mr David Ella, the Indigenous Education Consultant for the Catholic Schools Office of Broken Bay, who shared his family story, explained his culture and the history of Indigenous people, as well as our role in the Reconciliation process.

**College supports NSW Farming Communities**

St Pius X College has always been known as a generous community and it is heart-warming to see the Touchstones of Justice and Solidarity and Inclusive Community come

alive in our recent efforts to support the families of our drought stricken farmers. The College has successfully raised over \$30,000 through the Drought Relief Jewellery Raffle. In addition the College has collected and delivered a truck load of ‘Treat the Land’ hampers to NSW farming families in need. The College is working with Coonabarabran High School and St Vincent de Paul to distribute the raffle money and hampers to families in the district, and is ensuring that the whole community benefits by including vouchers for local businesses in the hampers. The partnership we are building with Coonabarabran High School provides valuable experiences for our students, and will be a focus at the annual Founders Day Festival in November where the theme will be Resilience and the Land. We thank Bowerhaus Jewellery for their generous jewellery donation as well as the entire community for their support in selling raffle tickets and making donations of goods.

**PNG Immersion**

After conquering the Kokoda Track in the July school holidays, a group of eight College students, parents and staff spent time at Callan Services Special Education Resource Centre in Port Moresby, working with staff and disabled students as part of the College’s ongoing partnership with Callan Services.

“The people that we met and the kids that we talked to had next to nothing but their happiness was through the roof. I definitely do think about life in Australia differently after visiting PNG. I think about everything in a simpler way”. Charlie Cullen (Year 10).

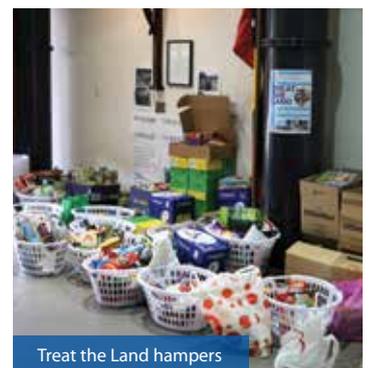
The College community has supported Callan Services since 2013 enabling them to continue their work in 19



PNG Callun Services



Reconciliation Assembly



Treat the Land hampers

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

### Creating critical and creative thinking

Applied Philosophy students participated in the NSW Philosothon at St Andrew's Cathedral School, Sydney in June exploring the questions of 'is virtual reality real', 'what makes something a work of art', friendship, and 'can we ever know the world as it is and not just as it appears to us'?

Benjamin Cullen represented Year 8 with Joshua Jones as his support; Ashley Johnson represented Year 9 with William Thomson as his support; James Baldock represented Year 10 with Aidan Lonsdale as his support and Alexander Hassan represented Year 11 with Andrew Kim as his support.

### London International Youth Science Forum

Congratulations to St Pius X College Year 12 students, Michael Currington and Marcus Rossetto, who represented Australia at the London International Youth Science Forum (LIYSF) in July. This two week residential event is held annually in London attracting 500 of the world's leading young scientists aged 16-21 years old from more than 75 participating countries. Held at Imperial College London and The Royal Geographical Society students attend lectures by high-profile scientists and see some of the finest research labs in the UK.



Philosophy students participated in the NSW Philosothon

### da Vinci Decathlon

Well done to the fifty six St Pius X students who represented the College across 7 da Vinci teams in the 2018 da Vinci Decathlon Competition, held at Knox Grammar School across three days in May.

With superb teamwork, pooled knowledge and creative-thinking skills, St Pius X secured First Place in General Knowledge (Years 10-11) and Third Place in Ideation (Years 5-6).

The overall theme of the 2018 Decathlon was "The Unexpected" and the St Pius X Years 7-8 division rose to and won an impromptu challenge on the opening day of the Decathlon. It was to develop an anti-chocolate slogan and the team came up with the winning slogan "It's nothing more than the sweet sensation of manipulation".

Congratulations to all teams, and special thanks to their coaches – Mrs Spanyik, Mrs Waterson, and Ms Raheb-Mol.

### Year 10 Debaters

On Friday 3rd August Year 10 debaters Ethan Tat, Matthew Hogan, Luke McManus and Willem Falzon competed against St Scholastica's in the CSDA Finals held at Bede Polding College at Windsor with St Pius X



Year 10 Debaters Ethan Tat, Matthew Hogan, Luke McManus and Willem Falzon with Ms Pence



da Vinci Decathlon Group at Knox Grammar School



da Vinci Decathlon Years 5-6

students presenting the affirmative "That imagination is more important than knowledge". Congratulations to St Scholastica on taking the title but well done to the Year 10 debaters and thanks to their coach, Ms Pence and the Debating Convenor, Ms Waterson.



From left: Michael Currington and Marcus Rossetto LIYSF attendees

*Liberating Education*

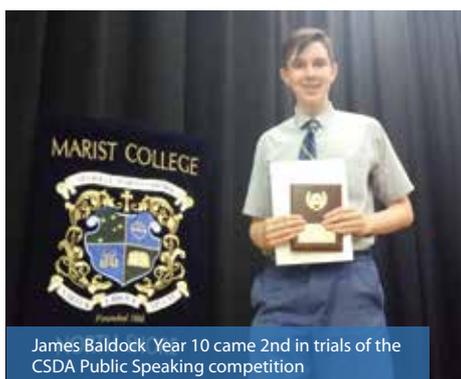
**Robotics**

On Saturday 28th July St Pius X College Chatswood hosted the Northern Area Workshop and a Coaching Clinic for students in preparation for the NSW State Cup held in August at the UNSW. Over 170 students from more than 20 schools attended the daylong event at St Pius X College’s Chatswood campus. RoboCup referees and mentors were available to give advice about the competition and to encourage a free exchange of ideas between teams. College old boy Denis Webber ran a workshop for the more advanced students planning on competing in the Lightweight and Open’s events at the State final.

RoboCup Junior Australia is a project-oriented educational initiative that supports local, regional and international robotic events for young Australian students in Years 8-12. The competition has three main areas of challenge including On Stage Performance, Rescue and Soccer where students are required to design, build, and program robots to compete in various challenges.

**Literacy Awards**

Congratulations to James Bellenger, Talis Prior and Matthew Felice of Year 9 along with Luca Vincenzo of Year 7 who were shortlisted for the Mosman Youth Awards in Literature. Luca was Highly Commended and Matthew



James Baldock Year 10 came 2nd in trials of the CSDA Public Speaking competition



RoboCup workshop

Felice’s story of his Uncle’s accident and consequent paralysis was chosen to be read to the audience.

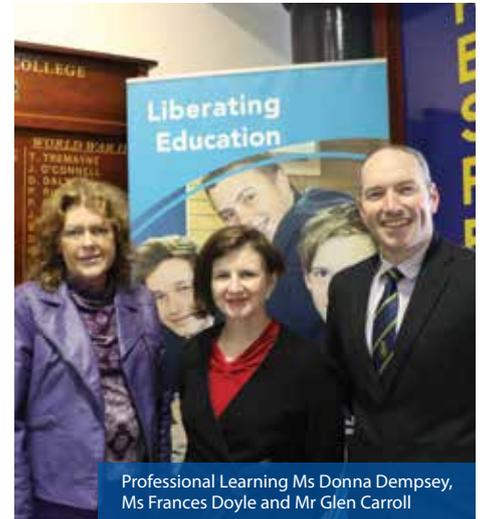
**New Applied Literacy Course**

The LSE Department offered and ran a school-developed elective program for Year 9 students who want to improve their core literacy skills. It aims to help students become more confident learners and effective communicators, through maximising students’ literacy skills, communicative confidence and achievement potential across their Stage 5 subjects. A unique feature of the Applied Literacy program has been the inclusion of a regular ‘Applied Study’ Period, to allow boys allocated time to work independently on their choice of cross-curricular assignments or assessment tasks which involve reading, interpretation, responding and writing skills.

Here’s what our Year 9 Applied Literacy boys had to say:

“I think this course has been very helpful in giving us dedicated time to learn more and improve on our literacy skills” (Adrian)

“Our Hamburger talks are very helpful because they give students time to



Professional Learning Ms Donna Dempsey, Ms Frances Doyle and Mr Glen Carroll

practice speaking skills, and learn how to plan an argument” (Xavier)

“My reading skills are a lot better than what they used to be, which helped me with NAPLAN this year” (Zach)

**Ongoing Professional Learning**

St Pius X College continues to be a community of people, both staff and students, who set challenges for themselves and then achieve them with great energy. It was exciting to celebrate with members of our Teaching Staff, who have now graduated from their respective post-graduate courses.

Mr Glen Carroll: [Masters of Educational Leadership \(ACU\)](#)

Ms Donna Dempsey: [Masters of Theology \(University of Newcastle\)](#)

Ms Frances Doyle: [Masters of Children’s Literature \(University of New South Wales\)](#)

We learn so much working alongside these teachers, given the depth of their knowledge, and our students benefit directly on a day-to-day basis. Working and studying at this post-graduate level is a huge personal and professional commitment and we congratulate them on their Graduation!

## PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS

### Twilight Concert

On 7th September Twilight Concert #2 was held in the College gymnasium. All major ensembles (with the exception of Guitar ensembles) performed on the evening and the Year 12 musicians were farewelled.



Band and choir performances at the Twilight Concert

### Highly Commended in Sydney Eisteddfod

Congratulations to the Junior Jazz Band and their Director, Mr Jonathan Dollin on being awarded a Highly Commended in the Secondary School Novice Stage Band section at the Sydney Eisteddfod in June.

### Year 12 Students Impress

Congratulations and Good Luck to the Year 12 Music and Drama students who have been working tirelessly on their major productions.

Year 12 Music 2 Students: Lachlan Chue (trumpet), Hunter Clarke (marimba and vibraphone), Phillip Cullen (cello), Liaam Rao (viola).

Year 12 Music Extension Students: Phillip Cullen (composition), Liaam Rao (performance).

Year 12 Drama Students: Ben Ellero, Liam Jackson, Callum Stephens, Nicholas Torresan, Samuel Smith.

### OnSTAGE and ENCORE Nominations

Congratulations Year 12 students Callum Stephen and Hunter Clarke who received respective nominations for inclusion in OnSTAGE and



Year 12 Music Extension Students: Phillip Cullen (composition), Liaam Rao (performance)

ENCORE, where the top HSC works are showcased to the public. Callum's individual drama performance "The Average Man" was nominated for OnSTAGE, a selection of HSC drama performances and projects to be showcased at the Seymour Centre, Sydney from the 9th to 15th February 2019 and Hunter's music performance was nominated for ENCORE to be held at the Sydney Opera House on Monday 18th February 2019.



Year 12 Drama Students: Nicholas Torresan, Callum Stephen, Liam Jackson, Samuel Smith and Ben Ellero



Callum Stephen with Mr Couani



Hunter Clarke with his Music Awards

*Inclusive Community*

**Peer Mentoring**

Peer mentoring involves senior mentors taking time each week to assist their junior mentees in making the transition to College life. An important component of the program involves an activity each term where the students participate in activities such as indoor rock climbing, canoeing, bush and beach walks. The premise is that boys connect and build relationships whilst working as a team. The Term 3 activity involved rock climbing at *Climb Fit* St Leonards and included our EREBB Argentinean visitors from Cardinal Newman College Buenos Aires.

**Retreats and Reflection Days**

The Year 12 Retreat took place from the 20th to 24th August at Christian Brothers Centre Mulgoa, Workul Koo Retreat Centre at Wamberal and also at Tallows Beach, where students took time after the trial HSC examinations to reflect and to re-connect with their faith, peers and find the strength to face the challenges of the next few months. We were very fortunate to have Father Jim McKeon attend the Mulgoa Retreats and celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist with students.

**R U OK? DAY**

Organised by the Year 12 MindMatters Student Empowerment Team, the College celebrated R U OK? Day on Friday 14th September. Festivities commenced Thursday lunchtime with a gala Staff and Students Dodgeball extravaganza and continued into Friday with a Photo Booth and the College Assembly being addressed by mental health and wellbeing advocate Mr John Brogden who is a past NSW Liberal Opposition Leader, Old Boy of St Patrick's College Strathfield and Executive of Lifeline.

Students were invited to put on a Jersey to be worn for the day and donate a gold coin to R U OK? Charities such as Lifeline and The Black Dog Institute.



R U OK? Day



Year 12 students with Mr John Brogden (centre)



R U OK? Day Dodgeball teams



Rock climbing peer mentoring



Year 12 Retreat Tallows Beach

## SPORT

### SPX Players to Tour Darwin

During the July holidays two Cricket Appeal teams competed in the Darwin District Cricket Club Dukes Carnival. With 10 wins from 11 games and two premierships, the tour was a great success. The 16s did exceptionally well given they played a men's team plus the U17 NT Emerging Strike League Team.

### ISA Athletics

Congratulations to the ISA Athletic squad who came a narrow second overall by just 20 points behind St Patrick's Strathfield at the ISA Athletics carnival Tuesday 11th September.

- ★ Winners of the ISA Boys' Senior Shield
- ★ Second in the ISA Boys' Intermediate Shield
- ★ Second overall in the Boys' Division 1 Carnival

### Division 5 Tennis Champions

The Division 5 and Division 7 teams made the finals with Division 5 taking out the ISA premiership. Congratulations to Tom Ryan, Alessandro Muranty, Reuben Cuasay, John McKinnon and Nathan Constantino in our Division 5 team with an amazing win against St Paul's Grammar who hadn't lost a fixture all season, going down to SPX in the very exciting tiebreaker of the last set.



Division 5 Tennis ISA Champions



ISA Athletics Squad 2nd place



SPX 1st IV retains EREA Football Cup



St Pius X Cricket Players Tour Darwin

### House Cup - Rice 2018

After a full year of tallying House points from all manner and activities including Colour Awards, the House Cup was presented to Rice House captain Darcy Gyzen at Sports Assembly on Friday 7th September.



House Cup was presented to Rice House

### 13A's Football Champions

Congratulations to the mighty 13A ISA Champions! The team did the College and themselves proud with a convincing 2-0 victory over Redlands. Commiserations to the 13B, 14C, 14A, 15B and 2nd XI who were all valiant in defeat.



13A Football ISA Champions

### ISA (Senior School) Premierships

- ★ Basketball 13C's and 17D's
- ★ Rugby 16C's
- ★ Football 13A's
- ★ Tennis Division 5

### IPSHA (Junior School) undefeated

Rugby Prep 1st XV and 11B's both went through the IPSHA season undefeated

### Representative and Outstanding Sportsmen

- ★ AFL – Josh Rayner Year 12 selected for the AFL National Academy Program
- ★ Athletics – Daniel Hall Year 12 is a NSW athletics champion and won Silver and a Bronze in Javelin at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships in 2017 and 2018
- ★ Cricket - 1st XI Captain, James Brown, was selected to the ISA 1st XI combined team and Lachlan Hearne selected to play in 1st Grade for Mosman
- ★ Gridiron – Cooper Alan Year 12 played in the Junior Outbacks U19 Australian National Gridiron team in the IFAF in Mexico In July
- ★ Ice-skating – Dukes Cup Champion winners
- ★ Golf – Harold Drewitt-Smith Year 12 has played off a scratch handicap, represented the NSW CIS Golf team and plays in a Division 1 major pennant team
- ★ Rugby – Riley O'Neill was selected in the CIS Rugby team for the PSSA (State Championships)
- ★ Swimming - Jonathon Yang Year 5 made the IPSHA Swim team and competed at the CIS Carnival
- ★ Cross Country/Athletics - Jacob Magner Year 6 made the CIS Cross-Country team and U12/13 CIS Athletics (800m) for the PSSA (State Championships)

### TOURING TEAMS

#### Some outstanding results:

#### Football

- ★ Football – SPX 1st XI retained the EREA Football Cup in Canberra during the April holidays

#### Rugby

- ★ Rugby – The Under 15 Rugby team toured New Zealand in the April holidays
- ★ The Rugby Opens toured Queensland in the July school holidays playing teams from Queensland and New Zealand winning four of their six matches
- ★ Prep 1st XV Rugby (TAS Rugby Tournament, Armidale) and Prep 1st XI Football (National Primary Games, Tamworth) both toured again

#### Cricket

- ★ Cricket – Two Cricket Appeal teams competed in the Darwin District Cricket Club Dukes Carnival in the July holidays

### Dukes Ice Skating Champions

Three Year 10 students Aidan Shearer-Hawkins, Viko Poon and Lucas Wareham were in the NSW team that won the prestigious Duke Trophy in July. This annual short track speed ice skating competition sees skaters from across Australia compete for their state and is known as the "State of Origin on Ice". St Pius X was the only school in NSW with three skaters and Lucas Wareham was awarded the "Spirit of Dukes" trophy for demonstrating the spirit of the competition.



### Rising AFL star

Josh Rayner, Year 12 played in the All Stars Futures curtain raiser game at the 2018 AFL Grand Final, where the most talented 17-year olds in the country showcase their talents on the MCG on the biggest day of the football calendar. Through participating in this invitation game Josh is automatically selected into the new AFL National Academy Program.



### Champion Athlete

Year 12 Athletics Captain Daniel Hall has represented St Pius X and the ISA since Year 7. He is the current Open Age Champion and holds numerous Discus and Javelin records. Outside of school he competes for Sydney Pacific Athletics Club and has represented NSW, winning a Silver and a Bronze in Javelin at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships in 2017 and 2018. As well as competing Daniel coaches the younger St Pius X athletes. Daniel is an excellent athlete, excellent Coach, excellent Captain and most importantly a genuinely humble, unassuming good person. Daniel was awarded the Pierre De Coubertin Award on graduation.

### Australian Grid Iron Champion

Cooper Alan Year 12 represented Australia playing for the Junior Out backs U19 Australian National Gridiron team in the IFAF (International Federation of American Football) U19 World Championships in July in Mexico. The team opened the World Championship tournament against two-time winner, the United States, before playing Sweden. Cooper plays line backer No.49 for UTS Gridiron, is the current 2018 Team Captain and was voted the most improved player last year.



### Golfing Star

Harry (Harold) Drewitt-Smith Year 12 has played off a scratch handicap, represented the NSW CIS Golf team and plays in a Division 1 major pennant team.



## OUTDOOR EDUCATION

*Outdoor education provides a range of opportunities that support and facilitate every boy's personal, spiritual and social development as they progress through the College. Highlights for 2018 include camps for Years 5 – 8 as well as a retreat for Year 12. Term 4 will see Year 9 students progress through activities at "Workul Koo" Wamberal, the Year 10 Immersion experiences at Walgett, Bowraville and the Central Coast and our 30 plus year tradition of Year 11 Snowy Hike in the last week of Term 4.*

### Junior School Camps

This year saw Year 5 and Year 6 both venture off on their respective outdoor education camps to Milson Island and Camp Wombaroo. In Term One Year 5 tried activities such as archery, canoeing and damper making while Year 6 tried their hand at high ropes, orienteering and shelter building. Each camp gave the boys a chance to reconnect with old friends, make new friends, try new experiences and take some time to reflect.

### Year 7 Ski Trip

One hundred and fifty seven Year 7 students spent two days at Perisher and Blue Cow resorts experiencing windy and very snowy conditions. Fresh powder greeted the group on the first day and snow fell consistently on day two providing great skiing conditions. The boys were excellent, picking up the skill of skiing quickly and challenging themselves in what was a new environment for many.

### Kokoda July 2018

A contingent of 30 St Pius X College students, Old Boys, parents, uncles

and staff completed the Kokoda Track during the July school holidays. The group undertook 8 months of preparation and planning to meet the rigours of the demanding terrain, as well as researching the historical significance of the Track to gain a better understanding of contemporary Papua New Guinea. Accompanied by personal and group porters, two Australian guides and in the capable hands of On Track Expeditions the group hiked the 96km track over 7 days. The trek included a dawn service at the Isurava Battle Memorial site where SPX Resources Coordinator, Mr David Reay, recited an emotional ode to the fallen at Brigade Hill.

Special thanks goes to Mr Paul de Silva Outdoor Education Coordinator for organising this worthwhile activity. Thanks must also go to the P&F, the Old Boys Association, the Leadership Team, Mr Sean Brennan, Mr Tim Long, Mr David Reay and the guides and porters from On Track Expeditions.

### Duke of Edinburgh Award

**BRONZE:** There are currently 30 students across Year 9 and 10 undertaking their Bronze Award with 10 Students receiving their Award during 2017/18. Matthew Bradley, James Shelton, Harrison Wallace, Matthew Weir, Cameron Fernandopulle, Jordan Franic-Smith, James Bleasdale, Thomas Jamieson, Benjamin Casey and Matthew Hogan.

**SILVER:** Six students across Year 10 and 11 are currently undertaking their Silver Award.

**GOLD** – Congratulations to James Spencer and Nikita Papastamatis from



Year 6 camp



Duke of Edinburgh Hike

Year 12 who have recently completed their Gold Awards and will have these presented by the Governor of NSW at a reception at Government House.



Year 7 Ski Trip



James Spencer and Nikita Papastamatis  
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awardees

*Inclusive Community*

**P&F Events**

It has been another busy year for the P&F, hosting the Welcome Mass, Open Day, Mother's & Father's Day Breakfasts and ever popular Cocktail Party & Trivia Night, which had record attendances with a fantastic cross section of parents across Year groups. The P&F have supported PAPA, Robotics, Cricket, Rugby, Football and Basketball clubs, the International Youth Science Forum in London, Kokoda Trek, Duke of Edinburgh, Boxercise kits, HSC Stress Management workshops for Parents & Students, Year Group social activities, SDN & CSDA Debating competitions, Writers Workshop for Years 5 and 6 with John Larkin and the Edmund Rice Justice Literary Event ... just to name a few.

Being a committee member is a rewarding way for parents to be more involved in the College. Members meet new people, have a say in decisions and outcomes of the P&F, represent parents, contribute to the College and students and facilitate social activities. We look forward to welcoming new members in 2019.

Upcoming events include Year 5-6 Orientation Morning on Saturday 3rd November and Term 4 P&F AGM Meeting on Monday 5th November.

**Old Boys Association**

The annual dinner was held on the 14th September with approximately 70 old boys attending the event.

Through various fund raising activities and donations, the SPXOBA provides financial assistance to current SPX students in their pursuit of excellence and also provides funds for various projects throughout the College, the College community and internationally through Christian Brothers' Aid initiatives.

OBA runs the BBQ at Oxford Falls and their annual dinner raises funds supporting students attending events such as the London Youth Forum in July as well as sporting tours, pastoral care activities and student sponsorship. For more information or to reconnect with former College old boys go to [spxoldboys.org.au](http://spxoldboys.org.au)



Class of 2017 at the Old Boys Annual Dinner



Father's Day Breakfast



Professor Andrew McLachlan receives his OAM



Mother's Day

**Congratulations**

We congratulate Professor Andrew McLachlan, father of Nicholas and Timothy in Year 11, who has received the Order of Australia - Appointed as a Member in the General Division for significant service to pharmacy as a researcher, educator,

and administrator, and to professional medical and scientific organisations. Professor McLachlan is currently the Head of School and Dean of Pharmacy at the University of Sydney.

**Vale**

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of the following people from our community who recently passed.

Craig Naismith 22.6.1968 - 11.11.2017  
Father of Louis Naismith Year 6



Lachlan Ridley  
18.10.99 - 23.2.2018  
Class of 2017



Kevin Gerard Mutkins  
1.5.1927 - 24.5.2018  
1st Day pupil, Class of 1937, Father of Sue Cheney staff member



Robyn Anne Olson  
21.8.1953 - 31.8.2017  
Wife of Jim Olson  
current staff member



Brother Don Connell (Capie)  
15.7.1930 - 27.3.2018  
Head of Junior School 1984-1995

## Splinters, Splashes, Sound and Stage

On Thursday 6th September current HSC students showcased their major works across Woodwork, Design and Technology, Visual Arts, and the Performing Arts - Music and Drama. The night included Music and Drama performances as well as farewells and thank you to the Year 12 students for their contributions to the College.



Edwin Harjono Drawing 'Ink Wonderland: Achieving Form Through the Formless'



Jack Moran Photography 'Salad Days'



Jonathon Stewart Painting 'Art History: An Educated Guess'



Andres Nolan Graphic Design 'Neglected Newslines'



Ryan Roomie Painting 'Disillusion'



Kevin Lyons Painting 'The Female Spectrum'



Angus Growden Painting 'After Instagram'



Adam Jansen DT Entertainment Unit



Liam Hunt DT Electric Bike



Chris Jenner Drawing 'Dream Sequence'



Harry Jepson DT Drone Drop



Liam O'Neill Industrial Technology Timber Bar



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