

# InProfile

PIUS

Spring 2019

What a season  
for the 1st XI  
Football team!



ST PIUS X COLLEGE  
CHATSWOOD



EDMUND RICE EDUCATION  
AUSTRALIA

'Get amongst it'

# Year 12 Graduation

September 2019



Year 12 students with Year Coordinator Mr Ross Masters



Year 12, 2019 outside Concourse



Award Winners



Graduation Mass



Graduation Luncheon



Year 12, 2019 outside the Church

# PRINCIPAL'S *Welcome*



## Welcome to the Spring 2019 edition of *Pius in Profile*.

There is much to celebrate within the College Community. This edition of *Pius In Profile* recognises the many wonderful achievements of our students in the academic, sporting and cultural fields. Our Year 12's completed their classes and graduation with respect, dignity and participated in a decorous celebration of their time here. They have been fine leaders who have enhanced many activities with their enthusiasm and talents, while conducting themselves in a proper manner. Their theme for the year was Unity in Community: Get amongst it! They certainly lived up to their own advice. It is particularly pleasing to note that their enthusiasm cuts across many areas of endeavour. We have good sportsmen who are good actors or good students. Many of our musicians performed superbly at last year's Twilight Concert at the completion of their studies, then changed clothes, put away their musical instruments and picked up 20 kilo packs and travelled to the Snowy Mountains for a 100 kilometre hike through the High Country, camping out in all conditions. They are fine Men of Pius.

Amongst the many achievements highlighted in the following pages is the outstanding success of our First XI Football team - one of the best to come through the College. The team is easily one of the top three schoolboy sides in the State. They are fit, skillful and courageous. All credit to them and the staff in charge, Mr Quilty and Mr Yue.

Another outstanding success is in the Performing Arts.

Music has long been a feature of the College and in recent years Drama has also gained a pride of place in that department, with the Year 12 Group performance "East Side Story" being nominated for OnSTAGE, as well as two solo performers, Tim McLachlan and Jean-Paul Shahady. Such theatrical ability shows through in many aspects of College life, including the excellent presentations at Assemblies and other occasions. There are many fine orators amongst the students.

The College endeavours to give students every opportunity to engage with each other in a variety of activities, such as the Buddies not Bullies Bushwalk, out of the classroom. In addition we actively engage with the wider community through charitable activities and immersion experiences. These and other programs are featured in this edition of *Pius In Profile* which gives a snapshot of the varied life of the College during the middle terms of 2019.

John Couani  
PRINCIPAL

*fide et labore,*  
THROUGH FAITH AND HARD WORK



Annual student vs teacher dodgeball game as part of RU OK? Day



Students and staff support SAN Run for Life cancer charity

## LEADERS AND ACHIEVERS

### Celebration of Learning Academic Awards

The Celebration of Learning Academic Awards ceremony took place on Friday August 2, recognising the academic achievement of students in Years 7 – 10.

Past students Justin Donnelly (current teacher) and Dr Steve Williams inspired the audience to find their passion, whilst Year 10 iSTEM students showcased “The Mars Rover” as part of their second year studies in the new iSTEM elective.



The following Awards were presented:

**112 Fide et Labore Awards (Years 7-10):**  
31 (Yr 7), 21 (Yr8), 29 (Yr9) and 31 (Yr10)

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

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

**8 Blue Academic Colour Awards**

**1 Silver Academic Colour Award**



Celebration of Learning Academic Awards



Justin Donnelly and Dr Steve Williams address the audience



Academic Award Winners 2019

### Sports and Co-curricular Colour Awards

The Sport and Co-curricular Colour Awards are given to students for excellence, commitment, encouragement and service in a particular sport or co-curricular activity. They are celebrated twice a year in separate Winter and Summer Colour Award Assemblies, with three Colour awards being attainable - BLUE, SILVER and GOLD.

The Winter ceremony took place Monday September 9 with one hundred and nine Gold and Silver Awards being presented to Year 12 and 11 students. 196 Blue Awards were also presented during the year at College assemblies.

<b>ATHLETICS</b>	Gold	2	Silver	6
<b>BASKETBALL</b>			Silver	17
<b>CRICKET</b>	Gold	1	Silver	4
<b>DEBATING</b>			Silver	3
<b>FOOTBALL</b>	Gold	4	Silver	14
<b>MUSIC</b>	Gold	2	Silver	25
<b>RUGBY</b>	Gold	5	Silver	17
<b>SWIMMING</b>			Silver	1
<b>TENNIS</b>			Silver	1



Colour Awardees waiting to go on stage

# Congratulations

## Year 12, 2020 Student Leaders

Congratulations to our student leaders for 2020 who will take up their new roles at the Investiture Ceremony at the Concourse on October 31.



## Farewell and Good Luck

### FROM THE 2019 COLLEGE CAPTAIN

The cooperation of the Vice Captains, Prefects and House Captains has been the key for the 2019 leadership team being able to achieve so much, whilst still maintaining focus on their HSC studies. A good example of this cooperation was evident in the implementation of the 2019 theme of 'Unity in Community', where each of the prefect portfolios encouraged the school community to increase their involvement in school activities – and to 'Get Amongst It!'

My advice for the 2020 leaders is to stay true to themselves. There is no hiding from the unrelenting pace of the HSC and it is important to have a strong plan and persevere with it. I wish Year 12, 2020 the best of luck with their leadership and studies, and I would like to thank my Student Leadership Team for such a productive 2019.

Oliver Tysoe, College Captain 2019

- COLLEGE CAPTAIN:** Lachlan Mathie
- COLLEGE VICE-CAPTAIN:** Tyson McCallum
- COLLEGE VICE-CAPTAIN:** Michael Fakhoury

### HOUSE CAPTAINS

- Barron:** Kiefer O'Brien      **Rice:** Sam Barrell
- Purton:** Duncan Dingley      **Treacy:** Will Chen

### PREFECTS

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|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Mission &amp; Identity Prefects</b> | <b>Well-Being Prefects</b> | <b>Learning Prefects</b> |
| Luke McManus                           | Will Oner                  | Cameron Fernandopulle    |
| Matthew Starr                          | Harrison Wallace           | Matthew Weir             |
| Adam Greenwood                         | Daniel Fileman             | Ethan Tat                |
|  | <b>Cultural Prefects</b>   |                          |
|  | Daniel Halverson           |                          |
|  | Oliver Lenehan             |                          |
|  | Louis Wellard              |                          |



Year 12, 2020 Student Leaders

## MISSION AND IDENTITY



### Reconciliation

True Reconciliation in Australia is about repairing the relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians. At St Pius X College we ask our young men to be ambassadors of reconciliation and to set the standard for other Australians in their willingness to work towards a more unified nation. During May the College held its annual Reconciliation Assembly with an educational and entertaining presentation by the Walangari and Damiru dance troop. The College community learnt the story behind the dances and how they connect a person to their “country” and story of creation. Walangari explained the meaning behind the name digeridoo, as well as the nature of the body art that dancers wear.

As a practical sign of reconciliation, members of each group who have represented the College were painted (being painted under their eyes depicted that their eyes are open to new

possibilities and stories) and participated in a cultural dance.

### Year 12 Retreats

After the Trail HSC examinations Year 12 students attended retreats at either Workul Koo in Terrigal, Mulgoa or Tallows Beach. These retreats allowed students a much needed break after a busy exam period and provided time to reflect on their personal journey of education and further cement their faith. The Tallows Beach retreat group were fortunate to have Father Jim McKeon celebrate Mass for them.

### Graduation Mass

There was a wonderful turn out of parents and supporters to the Year 12 Graduation Mass on Friday September 27. The theme for the Mass was to commission Year 12 to go out and make a positive difference to society.



*Justice and Solidarity*

*Understanding and caring for others in the community is an important part of every St Pius X College student's development. Participation in community service is compulsory in Year 10 and 11, however, students from every year group support organisations and activities as part of the College's Social Justice initiatives throughout the year. Some recent examples of these include:*

**Daffodil Day**

During September, Year 8 represented the College at Chatswood Mall, acting as volunteer ambassadors for Daffodil Day. Run by the Cancer Council in commemoration of World Cancer Awareness Day, the event gave the students a chance to showcase their entrepreneurial skills, spruiking and selling fresh Daffodils and other merchandise.

**Winter Appeal**

Year 9 led a whole-school initiative during June to support the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. They collected blankets, clothing and manchester from the College Community to give to those "sleeping rough" in the local



Year 8 supporting Daffodil Day

area. Goods were taken to the St Vincent de Paul Processing Facility, at Brookvale, where they were distributed to other St Vincent de Paul outlets such as the Matthew Talbot Hostel.

**Community Involvement Program**

Students in Years 10 and 11 participate in the Community Involvement Program (CIP) whereby they volunteer 20 hours in Year 10 and 15 hours in Year 11 in their community.

During the holidays 24 Year 10 students volunteered at Belmore Catholic Care Sheltered Workshop and another group participated in community work for Centacare Industries, a facility run by CatholicCare that employs people living with intellectual disabilities.

Working alongside employees from these two organisations provided an invaluable experience for the St Pius X students.

During September Year 10 boys also sold Legacy pins and pens at The Interchange and in Chatswood Mall. Legacy provides essential assistance to families of those who have lost a loved one who has served in the military,

As part of an ongoing relationship, Willowood Nursing Home residents hosted Year 10 and 11 student volunteers to celebrate International Day for Youth. This lively gathering involved the residents presenting prayers and poems that they had made in honour of the boys' companionship and service over the year.



Year 9 Winter Appeal



Community work for Centacare



Supporting Legacy

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

*St Pius X students learn how to be critical and creative thinkers through the continual interplay of experience, reflection and action.*

### Debating

St Pius X teams participate in the Catholic Schools Debating Association (CSDA) and the Sydney Debating Network (SDN) competitions in Terms 1, 2 and 3. The CSDA competition this year saw 12 teams debating with three teams making the finals rounds and the other nine teams finishing the season with four wins from six debates.

The Year 7A team were undefeated throughout the season and made it to the CSDA Quarter Final Round.

### Science Week

During August the Science Department hosted Science Week, running a range of engaging and hands on activities. The activities were based on the 2019 theme of Destination Moon, and the fact that this was International Year of the Periodic Table. Junior School students decorated the elements of the Periodic Table, Year 5 students displayed their moon-related Science projects and Year 11 Physics and Chemistry students ran demonstrations during lunch. There was also an Apollo 11 photo booth, a Scinema Science Film and a Kahootathon Trivia Competition.

### Market Day

Year 9 Commerce students become entrepreneurs and businessmen as they plan and run a business. Through hands on experience they learn the essential characteristics of 21st century learning; collaboration, problem solving and creativity. Working in teams they allocate roles in their business and develop plans to produce and sell a product at Market Day. This includes sales and marketing programs, sourcing product ingredients as well as packaging, preparing financial reports and managing the operations on the day while ensuring health and safety regulations are met. As an authentic learning experience students enjoy the profits earned and the taxes charged are donated to charity.

### External Benchmarking and Competitions

Each year St Pius X students enter into a range of external assessments and competitions. These further develop academic skills. The results are used by the College as a diagnostic tool to benchmark students with their peers across the state and country.

All students in Years 5-10 participate in the UNSW Reach Assessments in English, Science and Mathematics. These annual progression assessments measure full cohort progress year on year and provide an external, objective benchmark of learner progress.



Year 7 Debating Team CSDA Quarter Finalists



Year 10 History Competition High Distinction Recipients  
Nick Ward( back right) placed 3rd in Australia



Science Reach Award Recipients



Mind Map with Aiden  
Teuma Academic Prefect



Science Week



Market Day

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

### *Liberating Education*

#### Fide et Labore

At the recent Academic Awards Ceremony Principal Couani invited the audience to consider the meaning of the College motto. The Latin phrase translated is usually represented as “Faith and Hard Work”.

Below is an excerpt from his address.

FAITH means faith in God, faith in Christ, and faith in ourselves, one another and our community. It is central to our Catholic school. But why “LABORE”? Why not “Faith and Learning”?

“Labore” – hard work is essential to our humanity. Without work we lose our direction, purpose, motivation and more than this, we lose any sense of accomplishment. Hard work entails struggle. In all endeavours and learning it is in the struggle, the hard work, that we actually learn. Deep learning is achieved by pushing our learning boundaries. Otherwise, we would only know what we currently know.

Growth requires hard work, persistence, resilience, as well as doing and re-doing tasks and learning through others.

“Labore” – does mean hard work. It does mean struggle. It does mean learning. It does mean growing. It includes academic performance, enquiry, creativity, cultural pursuits, sporting achievements and all endeavours. And you know what? – when you work hard, learn and achieve – it is fun. It does bring hope and meaning and purpose.

Success is not achieved in one lesson or one day. Each of us needs to sustain our efforts and piece by piece, day by day, our hard work will pay off.



#### Facilities Update

The College is continually developing its facilities and resources to meet the needs of today’s modern learners. This year alone the College has invested in the following:

- ★ Full canteen upgrade, largely funded by P & F Funds.
- ★ Senior Resource Centre and Library upgrade which included repainting, new furniture and carpet and the installation of a new circulation desk and photocopy facilities.
- ★ B Block has seen the installation of new windows, repainting and carpeting as well as new blinds and the upgrading of technology.
- ★ The Administration Building, Counselling and Learning Support areas have all been repainted and repairs conducted throughout.
- ★ Areas of Oxford Falls have been recarpeted, repainted and the kitchen /canteen area refurbished.
- ★ New and updated signage including the installation of a large screen in quadrangle.

The College will continue to redevelop the Chatswood campus, consistent with the feedback from surveys over the past few years. C Block will be the next major refurbishment during the Christmas holidays.

## PERFORMING ARTS

### OnSTAGE nominations

Congratulations to the Year 12 drama students nominated for possible inclusion in OnSTAGE which is the showcase of outstanding HSC Drama performances held at the Seymour Centre during February 2020.

Lachlan Donlevy, Nicholas McKenzie, Timothy McLachlan, Samuel Schyvens and John-Paul Shahady were nominated for their **Group Performance** *East Side Story*.

Individual Performance nominations were received by Timothy McLachlan for *James* from *Blackout* and John-Paul Shahady for *Henry* from *Two scoops or one*.

### Twilight at the Oscars

Friday September 6, saw the College gymnasium transformed into an Academy Awards venue. Red carpets, bollards, cameras, lights and gold Oscar monuments formed a dramatic background against which the College Performing Arts Ensembles showcased their performance work. Highlights included tap dancing by Isaac Donlevy (Year 6), skits and videos created by the masters of ceremony (Sam Schyvens, Lachlan Donlevy, Tim McLachlan, John-Paul Shahady and Nick McKenzie).



Group Performance "East Side Story"

22 items were performed from the Jazz Bands, Concert Bands, Orchestra, Choirs and Break Dancers. A delicious menu of theatre munchies were also on hand thanks to the PAPA parents.

There was a surprise appearance from teacher Mr Tom Garvey and parents got involved during the community sing-a-long lead by Kermit the Frog (Nick McKenzie) and Elton John (Rufus Ashford).

It was an outstanding success. Congratulations to all the boys involved and a special thanks to the Performing Arts Parents' Association for their hard work and preparation.



Drama group OnSTAGE nomination



Intermediate Percussion Ensemble



Intermediate Concert Band

*Inclusive Community*

*The St Pius X College Pastoral Care program includes a range of whole of school and year experiences such as camps and retreats, homeroom activities, peer mentoring and reflection days that develop young men to foster respect in themselves and others.*

**Red Dirt Bourke Expedition**

During the holidays, 52 students and staff participated in this inaugural Social Justice and Pastoral Care outreach program, visiting rural and remote communities in Western NSW.

The expedition involved camping in the Warrumbungles and visiting the Sandstone Caves, Dandry Gorge, and Sculptures in the Pilliga scrub Aboriginal sites.

The students ran school sports days at St Lawrence’s Coonabarabran, Coonabarabran High, St Joseph’s Walgett, St Patrick’s Brewarrina, and St Ignatius Bourke, which are sister Parishes to Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood.

Students learned about the 30,000 year old Brewarrina Fish Traps site and Aboriginal Cultural Museum; trained with the Bourke Rugby Club; attended



St Pius X students at St Ignatius Primary, Bourke

Bourke PCYC Disco, and rode bikes around Dubbo Zoo.

By far the most significant experience for the group was to be able to connect with the local people from these remote communities who continue to show incredible resilience in the face of one of the worst droughts in living memory.

**R U OK? Day**

The College celebrated R U OK? Day on Friday September 13 with an Assembly, Dodgeball competition and the *Lights Camera Pius Film Festival* screening. Students and staff wore jerseys and donated to R U OK? in support of positive mental health initiatives.

**Buddies not Bullies Bushwalk**

Over 50 of the students who participate in the Buddies not Bullies program enjoyed the Buddies Bushwalk with their mentors during September. The Sunday bushwalk on the Governor Phillip walking track along Middle Harbour from Acron Oval



R U OK? Day

in St Ives to Davidson Park, Forestville was followed by a BBQ. The activity is an integral part of the Pastoral Care Peer Mentoring program.

**St Pius X Handball Championships**

Over 260 students competed in the annual handball competition during June where there was great comradery between boys across the different year groups.

Congratulations to the champions from each year: Ethan Fajemisin (Yr 5), Fred Shelton (Yr 6), William Lyall (Yr 7), Marco Balverde (Yr 8), Alex Pelle (Yr 9), Josh Dixon (Yr 10) and Harrison Clayton (Yr 11).

Matt Davey (Yr 12) was crowned the St Pius X 2019 Handball Champion.



St Ignatius Bourke Athletics Carnival



Buddies not Bullies Bushwalk



Hand Ball Championship

## SPORT

### What a season for the St Pius X College 1st XI Football team!

The St Pius X 1st XI football side competed in five competitions across NSW and Queensland playing 45 matches during 2019. They won the NSW CIS Cup, the July Cup, the St Andrew's Plate, ISA Minor Premiership and were runners up in the EREA Cup, ISA competition and NSW All Schools Championship.

After winning the CIS Football Cup - a knock out competition for independent schools across NSW affiliated to NSW Combined Independent Schools (CIS), the 1st XI's qualified to compete in the NSW All Schools Football Champion Schools Final Series playing the winning teams from both NSW Combined High Schools (CHS) and NSW Combined Catholic Colleges (CCC).

After beating St Paul's Greystanes 3-1 the team went down 2-0 in the final game to Hills Sports High School. The final results from a variety of competitions firmly placed the 1st IX team of 2019 amongst the top three Football sides out of six hundred and fifty NSW School teams.

### 3 times NSWCIS Cup Winners

St Pius X College is the first College to win the NSWCIS Cup three times, all in the same decade 2012, 2014 and now 2019. This is an immense achievement for the College.

### ISA Football

Overall, 2019 was an outstanding season for St Pius Football where the College had fifteen representative sides in the ISA competition. Thirteen of these made the semifinals with seven teams making it to the Grand Finals. The College's 15A side were



1st XI Football team celebrate with St Pius X supporters



Under 15A Football team ISA winners

successfully crowned ISA Champions with a hard fought 1-0 victory over a tough St Patrick's College.

The Junior School also saw the 11C Football team go through the IPSHA season undefeated.

### Tennis

St Pius X entered nine teams in the ISA competition with seven finishing in the top four positions in their divisions and the Division 10 team making the finals to come runners-up.



ISA Tennis Div 10 Runners Up

### Champions of Chess

2019 was a very successful year for St Pius X Chess. The Junior Division 3 St Pius X A and the Intermediate Division 3 St Pius X A team both finished first in their respective divisions. The Intermediate team went down to Shore A in the quarter finals and the Junior St Pius X A team played well but were finally out strategized by a strong Knox Grammar contingent in their playoff.



Intermediate Division 3 St Pius X A Chess Team



Junior Division 3 St Pius X A Chess Team

## Running for Social Justice

Social Justice is an important part of educating boys at St Pius X College and students often participate in sporting activities whilst contributing to their community at the same time.

For the last 3 years St Pius X College staff, students and families have supported the 'San Run for Life' cancer charity fundraiser through entering runners and providing volunteers to set up and assist in the operation of the event. This year saw 35 St Pius X College students completing the run and another 20 students volunteering to work from 5.00am to help set up the event. After a series of brilliant running performances, St Pius X College students won two of the three Schools Age Groups and retained the Schools' Trophy for the third year in a row.

Also during September a large number of students from Years 10 and 11 participated in the Blackmores Running Festival. This fun run was for enjoyment but also in service to Centacare – an organisation of CatholicCare who provide sustainable and meaningful employment for adults with an intellectual disability. Earlier in the year the St Pius students worked alongside the Centacare-funded employees, completing tasks with their assigned buddy for the day. As a follow up they raised funds for Centacare by participating in the Blackmores Running Festival.

## ISA Athletics

Congratulations to the ISA Athletic squad who came 3rd overall with a 1st in the Seniors, 3rd in Intermediate and 5th in the Juniors. A great result and well done to all competitors.



SAN Run for Life Cup Winners and Volunteers



ISA Athletics Representatives

### ISA Premierships

- ★ Football 15A's

### Representative and Outstanding Sportsmen

- ★ AFL – Matt McKenzie (Yr 10) represented U16 NSW Rams
- ★ Athletics
  - » Luke Austin (Yr 5), Angus Hunt (Yr 6), James Patchett (Yr 5), Lachie Staber (Yr 6), Jack Wolfe (Yr 6) and Cooper Battiston (Yr 6) represented IPSHA at the CIS Carnival in September
  - » James Patchett (Yr5) qualified for the CIS Athletics team (U11 Long Jump) and will go to PSSA
  - » Thomas Hunt (Yr 12) won a Silver Medal for the U20 400m hurdles at the Oceania Athletics Championships
- ★ Football
  - » Matthew Davey, Jack Berte, Edward Lee, Patrick Moore, Guilio Saraceno, Thomas Kundevski, Lucas Rainbird and Nicholas Rainbird were selected to play for the ISA 1st XI representative side
  - » Jack Berte (Yr 12) was selected to play for the NSW School Boys side and tour with the Australian School Boys team in 2020
  - » Patrick Moore (Yr 10) was selected to play for the NSW CIS U16 Football team
- ★ Basketball – Year 6 'A' players, Jonathon Nercessian and Finn Potts were selected as IPSHA representatives in the State Championships. Jono in the team and Finn as reserve. The CIS team made the grand final coming 2nd overall
- ★ Ice-skating – Vicko Poon (Yr 11) has been selected to trial for the Winter Youth Olympic Games for Ice Skating
- ★ Rugby
  - » U16 ISA representative players - Alex Hart, Zac Davidson, Seb Marjarian, Ben Kafer and Lachlan Onslow
  - » ISA Opens representative players - Brynn Mendel, Zac Lomas, Tom Paterson, Luke Greenland and James Bragg
  - » James Bragg (Yr 12) played for Australian Schools Combined States and recieved ISA Colours for Excellence
  - » Ben Kafer (Yr 10) represented NSW Gen Blue U16's
- ★ Swimming - Jonathan Yang (Y 6) represented the IPSHA Swim team and competed at the CIS Carnival
- ★ Cross Country - Riley Watt (Yr 6) qualified for the IPSHA team to race at the CIS carnival.
- ★ Gymnastics - John Carroll (Yr 7) won Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals at the National Gymnastics Championship

### TOURING TEAMS

#### Football

St Pius X 1st XI hosted the third annual July Cup competition 'The Sid Sanderson Memorial Cup'. Five sides took part in the round robin including The Kings School, Sydney Grammar, SCECG's Redlands and St Pius X Barbarians. St Pius X 1st XI won all four matches with Sydney Grammar runners up.

The Junior School Prep Football team won 5 games and drew 1 in the Tamworth Carnival ranking them first in their division.

#### Rugby

- ★ Rugby – The Under 15 Rugby team toured New Zealand in the April holidays
- ★ The Rugby Opens toured Brisbane in the July school holidays playing teams from Queensland and New Zealand winning five of their six matches making them Runners Up in the Senior Division.

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION

### Old Boys Help Out

St Pius X is rich with a tradition of Old Boy involvement in the College. Outdoor education is no exception and this invaluable commodity is utilised at every opportunity.

The Duke of Edinburgh program caters for students from Bronze through to the Gold Award. Whilst the College is committed to providing Adventurous Journeys for Bronze students, staff good-will and old boy involvement enable the provision of opportunities at the higher levels.

Old Boys that have been through the College Outdoor program have gained many skills and formed positive experiences that many are happy to return and help out. These young men provide excellent role models for students during a period in their lives where quality role models are often in short supply. They are happy to give up their time, provide guidance and to encourage students often through tough situations that all build resilience and growth. The College is extremely grateful for their support.

### The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is an internationally recognised program open to all students 14 years or older. The Award is made up of a number of components including: Community Service, Physical Recreation, development of a new Skill and an Adventurous Journey. Many of these components can be completed during student involvement at the College.

Unlike many other schools, St Pius X offers its own "home grown" Adventurous Journeys. The mode of travel is bushwalking and the College is fortunate to have very experienced staff to facilitate these journeys.

Hikes this year have taken place in Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, Brisbane Waters National Park, Glenbrook National Park and Kanangra Boyd National Park. The Gold Adventurous Journey will take place in Term 4 as the boys walk over 100km through the Kosciuszko National Park over a 5 day period.

### Year 7 Ski Trip

Stunning blue skies welcomed the Year 7 cohort to Perisher Blue Cow during August. With many students never having seen snow before it made for a very special occasion.

Student Alex Dixon reported "it was a great experience, teaching us how to ski and cope with some minor hardships during a fun adventure. I had never skied before, let alone seen snow. Some parts I found quite challenging, but it was all very rewarding, especially walking in my ski boots (that took getting used to!), learning to ski (and the pain of falling over), the price of the food (and managing my money) and learning to cope and agree with the others in my cabin. The trip was a great learning experience and I would rate it 10/10. Thanks to all the teachers for arranging the trip and for getting us there and back home safely."



Old Boys help out



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh hike



Thomas Hopkins and Luca Krizan  
Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awardees



Year 7 Ski Trip

*Inclusive Community*

*St Pius X is an Inclusive Community dedicated to developing the spiritual, intellectual, social, cultural and physical wellbeing of every student.*

**P&F Update**

The P&F are integral in developing and supporting the College community. They provide liaison between parents and the College executive, opportunities for parents to get together socially, assist the College with events and provide financial assistance for various projects and initiatives.

2019 welcomed a new P&F committee who have been busy hosting a range of whole of school and year events including the Father's Day Breakfast and ever popular Trivia Night.

Upcoming events include the Year 5-6 Orientation Morning on Saturday 2nd November, the P&F Annual General Meeting on Monday 4th November and the Year 6 Graduation on Sunday 24th November.

**Old Boys Annual Dinner**

The annual Old Boys Association Dinner was held on the 2nd Friday in September with over 130 attending including a strong representation from the Class of 2018.

**OLD Boys Success**

Cooper Alan (Class of 2018) has been accepted into an American University and is fulfilling his dream to play American Football. He is now a Freshman at the College of Siskiyous (COS) in Northern California, studying Sports and Exercise Science and a member of the COS Eagles American football team.

**Wallabies**

St Pius X old boys and classmates (Class of 2009) Luke Jones and Michael Hooper played for the Wallabies in the recent Bledisloe Cup test match played in Perth. The Wallabies won 47-26 in a match reminiscent of their time playing together in the St Pius X Prep 1sts.



Luke Jones and Michael Hooper



Cooper Alan (right)



Father's Day Breakfast



BBQ volunteers for Father's Day



Class of 2018 at the Old Boys Annual Dinner

**Vale**

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



**Madeline Clare Gladen**  
9.05.2005 - 2.07.2019  
Daughter to Geoff and Alison and sister to Nicholas and Mitchell



**Zhour Rizk**  
1.01.1929 - 13.06.2019  
Mother and Grandmother to the Rizk and Shahady families



**Br Brian Moylan**  
7.12.1926 - 5.7.2019  
St Pius X College Headmaster 1982



**Mark Egger**  
Class of 1982  
Talented teacher and musician

## HSC Works in Visual Arts, Music and Drama

During September Year 12 students showcased to the College Community their HSC works in Visual Arts, Music and Drama.



Oliver Osborne, Music 2 and Extension



Year 12 Musicians



Nicholas Bendall, Music 2



Joshua Matar 'Resistance'



Ms Lindley with Year 12 Drama Students



James Bleasdale  
'Irresistible Obsession'



William Birchall 'Anima Vista'



Giulio Saraceno 'Out of Place'



Hamish Alexander 'I'm There Now'



Timothy Roser 'Rejuvenation'



Harrison Howe  
'Theories of Relativity: Adrift'



Kalani Lenehan 'Beneath Beautiful'



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