



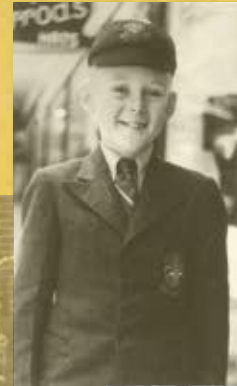
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Celebrating 80 Years



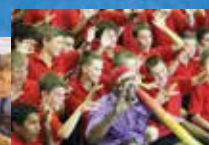
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ST PIUS X COLLEGE CHATSWOOD

80th
ANNIVERSARY
1937-2017

80th Anniversary

St Pius X College Chatswood



Introduction

In 2017 the St Pius X College community proudly celebrated and gave thanks for the 80th Anniversary of the College. This commemorative booklet records the three major events attended by more than 3000 students, staff, parents, Old Boys and their families and special guests including Christian Brothers and former Headmasters.

Founder's Day and 80th Anniversary Mass

2 May 2017

A Night Full of Stars musical celebration

18 May 2017

Old Boys Association 80th Anniversary Mass, College Tour and Dinner

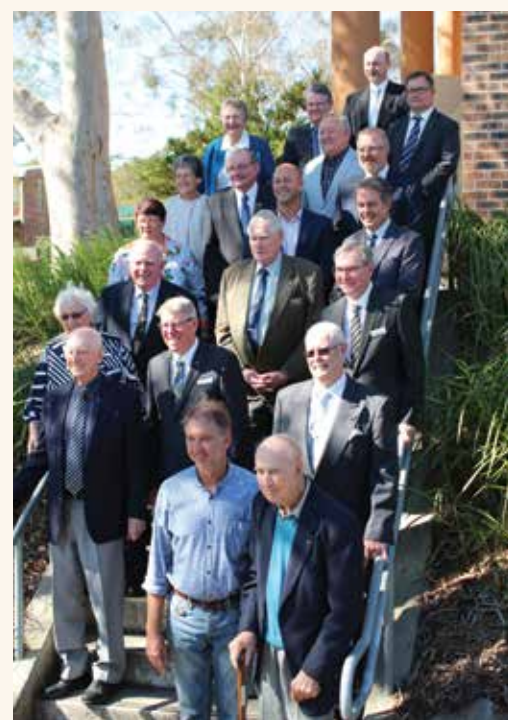
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It also records the College's appreciation of some of our long serving and Old Boy staff as well as families now in their third generation at the College.

Catholic Faith



Jack Hammond (Year 5) with his grandfather Mr Ken Hammond (SPX 1957)



Special guests at 80th Anniversary Mass



Special guests, Mr and Mrs Phil Chaplin. Chaplin Oval is named in honour of Mr Chaplin's father.



Mrs Sue Cheney, her father Mr Kevin Mutkins a 1937 student, with Mr Couani




Br Sherrin with 2017 House Captains



Banners depicting the events of every decade of the College





80th ANNIVERSARY
1937-2017

"We are People of the Gospel who welcome the message given to us by Jesus Christ. We are called to model right relationships.

We strive to foster a community that allows each person to build a personal relationship with God through scripture, prayer and ritual.

Through the example of Blessed Edmund Rice, we recognise the Gospel commitment of care and love for those who are marginalised, lonely, poor or different.

In our words and actions the Gospel becomes a lived-reality and so we are able to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God."

Gospel Spirituality Prayer
2017

80th Anniversary and Founder's Day Mass

2 May 11 am Oxford Falls

The St Pius X College community proudly celebrated its 80th Anniversary and Founder's Day with Mass led by the Bishop of Broken Bay, the Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli on 2 May 2017.

College Principal, Mr John Couani, welcomed more than 1500 guests including Christian Brothers, ex-students, Board members, EREA and Catholic Schools' representatives, parents, friends, staff and students. Guests included four former Headmasters and ex-students from the College's first years (1937, 38 and 39) through to the present.

The congregation gathered in prayer and thanksgiving for the past eighty years and reflected on the foundations for the College's future.

Principal's Welcome

In this week of the Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice we honour in every way the Ministry of the Christian Brothers. So too for 80 years we honour the vision of our Parish Priests from Our Lady of Dolours. Today too I wish to acknowledge the many long serving lay staff who have followed in the footsteps of the Christian Brothers and a good many of them are ex-students themselves.

But young men of Pius and for all of us – what are we celebrating today?

- ★ Tradition – Yes!
- ★ The legacy of the Christian Brothers – Yes
- ★ Catholic education, teaching and learning in the Edmund Rice Tradition – Yes

But there are truly two main causes for our celebration:

- ★ Community. We all belong and we love this school
- ★ But above all we celebrate our Catholic faith – our love of Jesus

Pope Pius X is best remembered for his devotion to the Eucharist and his Papacy centered on peace, love and the Eucharist. We are called.

In this special Eucharist, we gather to ask God's blessing in appreciation and thanksgiving for St Pius X College for the past 80 years. We recognise with deep appreciation the foresight and constant pastoral leadership of the Parish Priests of Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood. In particular the Christian Brothers and their dedication, commitment and leadership remain as an inspiration for the College.

From a small Brothers community of 5 led by Br Quirke (first Headmaster) in 1937, this community has grown into this dynamic, faith-filled community. From 147 students in 1937 to 1140 students in 2017.

How did we do it?

Through Fide et Labore - faith and hard work.

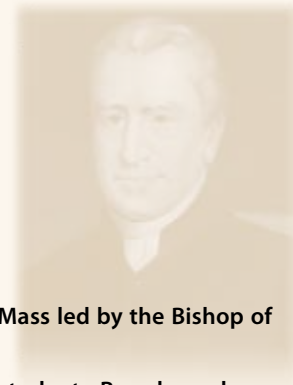
We pray today for the grace to continue the on-going call that Christ makes to us to spread the Good News to all.

We ask for God's blessing on all Christian Brothers and Edmund Rice communities on the Feast Day of Edmund Rice this Friday 5 May.

Let us wholeheartedly in this Eucharist celebrating our faith together in the joy that this gives to us and for generations past. Let us raise our hearts and voices in praise and thanksgiving.

Mr John Couani, Principal

fide et labore,
THROUGH FAITH AND HARD WORK



A celebration of tradition, the legacy of the Christian Brothers, Catholic education in the Edmund Rice tradition, community and our Catholic Faith

Mr John Couani, Principal



Special guests included Christian Brothers and four former Headmasters



80th Anniversary and Founder’s Day Mass

Continued

Bishop’s Homily

Homily by the Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli,
Bishop of Broken Bay

*Know your past; test your present;
and live your future.*

How do you mark 80 years? Well I’d like to mark it today by talking about four groups of 80.

Let’s start with the 80 years up to now, of the time of St Pius’ College life from 1937, when the world was getting worried once again about a war, a world war. In fact, it came about two years later, the Second World War. And then, for most of the life of the College it marked periods, at least in our world, of leaning towards war rather than towards peace.

This same 80 years in our world has been a time of migration, of huge movements of peoples, both willingly and unwillingly, of ones who seek out a new life and those, who as refugees, have been forced into new lives. This 80 years, at least for us, has been an 80 years of moving away from Europe and moving towards Asia. And to some extent, it has been 80 years of a lessening religious sense in our country. But these 80 years of the time of St Pius’ College have also been a time of an opening up to the world, a reaching out to the rest of the world. As a Church, in this 80 years, we had one of the great events of the whole life of the Church, the second Vatican Council, and we have also seen the rise of the laity.

The second period of 80. The 80 years (or minus two) of Edmund Ignatius Rice’s life from 1762 to 1844. This 80 years, or thereabouts, was a time of the French Revolution, one of the great upheavals of world history. But also, in Rice’s own country, a period of great persecution against Catholics. This was the time of the Industrial Revolution; a time of the enlightenment; of science becoming its own reality of understanding knowledge. It was also a time of immense progress, and just as immense, poverty and misery of peoples. And into that 80 years steps Edmund, a layman, opening up the apostolic life and forming a way forward as a Christian for the whole church. A man who stood up to the persecution that was happening during his time and reaching out to those who had been left behind. An 80 years of tremendous commitment to the faith in Jesus Christ, and of new ways of responding to the Holy Spirit. The second 80 years.

And so to the third of the 80s – the 80 years of Jesus Christ and the Apostolic times. From Year 0AD to 80AD: the living of Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection; and the living out of the apostles’ lives until around about the 80s, or a little longer after that. They handed on the new Church, the presence of Christ, for us to carry. This is 80 years of the Incarnation: God becoming one of us men; God becoming one of us; of a life in Jesus lived

in closeness to us and in closeness to God’s Kingdom; of a death and resurrection that gave, even for us now, new life and an opening of our lives to eternal life. This 80 years of Christ and the Apostles is an 80 years of the aliveness of God amongst us, of energy, of youthfulness, of St Stephen as we heard in our First Reading and Saul who becomes St Paul – a period that has remained young and energetic and alive.

So three periods of 80. Your time right now of the 80 years of St Pius College; the time of Edmund Rice and those 80 years of new ways of being a part of the Church; and the source 80 years of Jesus Christ and the Apostolic Church.

But I promised a fourth 80 years! And the fourth 80 is the 80 years to come. I want to ask you, how are you going to plan those 80 years? From Christ, through Edmund Rice, with the College now, what is your new hope for the 80 years to come? To answer that, and it’s your answer, not mine to answer, but I just simply offer you this: know your past; test your present; and live your future.

Happy Anniversary!

Acknowledgement of long serving and Old Boy staff

Mr Couani acknowledged with gratitude the many long serving lay staff, many of whom are Old Boys, who have followed in the footsteps of the Christian Brothers.

- ★ Mr Terrance Patterson (40 years of service)
- ★ Mr Mark Pawlak (40 years of service and Old Boy)
- ★ Mr Tony Cunneen (34 years of service and Old Boy)
- ★ Mr Ross Masters (39 years of service and Old Boy)
- ★ Ms Judy Black (an ex-student of the co-instruction years and staff member of 24 years)
- ★ Mr Kieran O’Byrne (Old Boy and staff member for 22 years)
- ★ Mr Sean Brannan (Old Boy and staff member of 17 years)
- ★ Mr Bryan Hoy who passed away while a staff member. He too was an Old Boy
- ★ Staff members of more than 20 years: Mr Mark Anderson, Mr Jim Olson, Mr Neil Gibson, Mrs Leonie Millar, Mrs Elena Martin, Mrs Melissa King, Mrs Maxine Hunt, Mr Patrick Cogan, Mr Rick Russo, Mrs Carla Leonardi and Mr Steven Quilty
- ★ Old Boy Staff: Mr Justin Donnelly, Mr Nick Carson, Mr Huw Manson, Mr Thomas Garvey, Mr Adrian Brannan and Br Carl Sherrin.



The Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli celebrated the 80th Anniversary and Founder’s Day Mass. It was attended by more than 1500 people including Christian Brothers, former Headmasters, ex-students, Board members, EREA and Catholic Schools’ representatives, parents, friends, College and Student Leadership teams, students and staff.

A Night Full of Stars

18 May, The Concourse Chatswood

A Night Full of Stars was a musical celebration and tribute to the College's history on its 80th Anniversary.

Held at The Concourse, Chatswood, the concert showcased the College's exceptional musical talents.

In a repertoire that ranged from classical (Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*, Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*) to contemporary (*I've Gotta Feeling*, *All About That Bass*) the program celebrated the history of the College and the way music has grown - from cadet bands, eisteddfods, large scale musical productions to digital music. Today more than 500 students participate in 23 ensembles at the College.

A night of two parts, the concert opened with the arrival of the 80th anniversary Cadet Marching Band, resplendent in berets. The College's history was then presented by students featuring historic photographs and music of the time.

The second half featured ensembles presenting a range of works reflecting the theme, *A Night Full of Stars* (*Midnight Hour*, *Counting Stars*, *Mr Sandman*, *Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds*).

One of the many highlights was the grand finale performance of Coldplay's *A Sky Full of Stars* and *Viva La Vida* featuring the 320 member combined College Orchestra, Concert Band, Guitar, Percussion and String Ensembles, Choirs, Ensemble Directors and Instrumental Tutors, Staff and Old Boys. They received a standing ovation.

In a first for the College, the Concert was live streamed back to the College for the enjoyment of off-stage performers and staff.

St Pius' star is shining brightly

"I am humbled and honoured to see how the Department and the College has grown and flourished thanks to the tireless efforts of countless Heads of Music, Instrumental Tutors, Ensemble Directors and Teaching Staff. That we now call ourselves Performing Arts, truly shows the forward thinking of the College Leadership Team in recognising that not only Music but also Drama has a role to play in the curriculum.

Tonight we acknowledge the centrality of one of our College Touchstones "Inclusive Community" as current students perform on stage and accompanied by old boys, instrumental staff and members of the College Leadership Team, Teachers and Office Staff.

These people are all stars.....the stars of our community and tonight that is what we are celebrating and acclaiming ..."

Ms Tracey Bates, Head of Performing Arts

Welcome

by College Principal, Mr John Couani

Music lifts the soul to higher things and we have journeyed to great heights this evening and we delight in this Night Full of Stars.

I think of our College's 80th anniversary and our history, so beautifully portrayed this evening and we give thanks for the Priests and Christian Brothers who had the foresight, drive and persistence to establish this great school in 1937.

From a humble beginning of just 5 Brothers and 147 students, we are now a student body of 1140 and an extensive expert teaching staff supported by an equally dedicated and invaluable non-teaching staff who serve together in meeting the needs of this contemporary school of the 21st century.

Tonight in performance and historical recount we have celebrated the past and demonstrated the present. We know that we have challenges before us for the future but we steel our resolve to meet them and just as the Brothers, parishioners and especially the parents built this College brick by brick, Bingo night by Bingo night, we too will build our future on that witness, example and resolve.

It is so great to see that a good number of ex-students have joined us on stage for tonight's performance and I welcome them back to their musical foundation where they first began to master their musical talents. I thank them for joining us.

We all gather so very proud of our College. So tremendously proud of the students, our sons. Their talents and gifts enriched by a loving learning environment showcased this evening under the patronage of their expert teachers, Ensemble Directors and music tutors who make up the fabric and the tapestry of Performing Arts at St Pius X College.

What are the highlights for you tonight? Truly the best of boys' education on display. For me it has been undoubtedly every student performance. Every one so brilliant. As an audience we have been privileged to enjoy the gifts and talents of our young men today. Confident, courageous risk takers who with shining spirits and energy give such happiness and hope to us all. Music lifts the soul to higher things and we have journeyed to great heights this evening and we delight in this Night Full of Stars.

Community



The College released this commemorative CD for the 80th Anniversary



To our students, past and present, tonight is only truly possible because of your talents. You all are the true Stars of St Pius X College.

Ms Tracey Bates, Head of Performing Arts



History of the College

Historical Overview

The 80 year journey that is St Pius X

The first half of the program at A Night Full of Stars took the audience on the 80 year journey that is St Pius X. Woven in and around this story were musical performances related to and tied in with the eras.

The Distinctively Catholic School

The Catholic world of 1937 was much different from today. The local Priest, Father Barry, was a Christian Brothers Old Boy as were others in the local Catholic community. They were instrumental in inviting the Christian Brothers to establish the school. It was a time when the Catholic community had a strong sense of cohesion and a real sense of mission to improve the lot of their young men – almost a pioneering spirit.

The School started when the Catholic Church saw itself as a bastion against the forces of chaos and darkness – there was a sense of real threat of barbarism from overseas, as outlined by Bishop Kelly when he opened the School on that first day, on 2 February 1937. On that hot day, 147 young Catholic boys arrived on this site from Chatswood, Artarmon, Lane Cove, Roseville, Naremburn and Willoughby to be greeted by Brother Quirke, our first Principal. The community comprised just five Christian Brothers. Since then, another 161 have lived here and we are pleased to have so many of them with us tonight. The Australia then and the Australia of today are two different countries. Then, most of the students were of Irish heritage, and many young men found their vocation to be the Religious Life. Mass was celebrated in Latin and it seemed that the Catholic Church would continue in that form forever.

The first community typified the many Christian Brothers who followed. They were men committed to their religion, who saw their life’s work as a mission of service to God through

education. It was a time of hard work, prayer and strict discipline for the brothers. The boys from St Pius X attended parades of Catholic students in the Showground on St Patrick’s Day. The irrepressible Brother Max O’Connor gave the school its name – St Pius X College – after the great Pope from earlier in the century.

The Catholic community maintained its sense of identity throughout the stresses of the 1950s and 1960s, evolving as the Church evolved with the reforms of Vatican II. The College has always maintained close ties with the local parish church and has extended its Social Justice mission to help the marginalised to include aboriginal outreach programs and developing closer ties with disadvantaged people in a variety of places.

Foundation and War Years

In 1935, Parish Priest Father Thomas Barry, in collaboration with Bishop Kelly, asked the Christian Brothers to set up a school on the forested church grounds which rose up the hill behind the Willoughby Council. There was plenty of land for what they had in mind – a modest school of just six classrooms that would cater for those Catholic youth unable to enter more established and more expensive local Catholic institutions.

The first buildings took their form amongst the sparse forest of blue gums, angophoras and bloodwoods which dotted the open fields. Only two remain. The site was bounded by sprawling Federation-style houses. The paddock between the classrooms and monastery included an old cemetery called Coopers Flat, with its grey, faded, fallen and overgrown headstones on which the boys would sit and eat their lunches. It was a short walk to the small parish church and hall of Our Lady of Dolours.

Christian Brothers Chatswood at that time only went to Third Year High School. But it became a part of the local Catholic community. Soon after its foundation, the Second World War took hold. Boys destined for battle would come and visit the Brothers, such as Bernard Carter, as part of the ritual of farewell before heading overseas: two of them, Jacob de Sisto and Anthony Gillespie were Killed in Action. In recent years the College has conducted a number of expeditions following the Kokoda war time Track in New Guinea. Part of the process is a visit to the grave of Jacob De Sisto at Bomana War cemetery. Fathers dug air-raid trenches in the yard in June 1942 and the School hosted a fundraising event when the two Japanese midget submarines which had been



Left: 1948, James Biggs. The first College Captain.



Right: 1962, Dr. James Biggs. M.B., B.Sc., F.R.C.P.(Lon.), F.R.C.P.(Edin.), M.B.A.C.P., D.Phil.(Oxford).

These are the highest qualifications obtainable by a physician. The final degree was won early this year after two years' research in Immunology.

JAMES BIGGS, 1948 and 1962.



PTE. JACOB DE SISTO, R.I.P. Killed in action, Bougainville, 1944.



Pte. ANTHONY GILLESPIE, R.I.P. Killed on his seventh operational flight, 1945, Germany.



Mr Chaplin surveying the Playing Fields in 1948





CBHS Chatswood

1930s



Legacy

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST PIUS X COLLEGE



- 1937** Christian Brothers High School Chatswood opened with 5 Brothers and 147 boys
Woodchatta war cry introduced
- 1940s** World War II claims lives of two former students
Cadet Unit formed
Chaplin Oval
1948 Christian Brothers College Chatswood
New College crest and motto
Fide et Labore
The Collegian
- 1950s** College name changed to **St Pius X** in 1954
House competition established – Rice, Treacy, Barron, Purton
A Wing
- 1960s** College Song
P & F Association
B & C Wing
Wyndham Scheme
- 1970s** New Junior School
Co-instruction in senior years
School Advisory Council
Speech Night at Opera House
S Wing
- 1980s** Gymnasium and Hall
Industrial Arts
Computers
100 years of Christian Brothers in NSW
Snowy Hike
- 1990s** Oxford Falls established
3 Old Boys appointed as Bishops
- 2000s** EREA established
Sarto Centre
- 2010s** Christian Brothers Centre
Oxford Falls
First lay Principal
Laptops for all students
Brothers' residence at Chatswood transformed
- 2017** St Pius X College community of 1140 students, 100 staff, 1000s of old boys and former staff give thanks for 80 years of education in the Edmund Rice tradition



captured in Sydney Harbour were displayed on trucks in the wide space beneath the gum trees just below the classrooms.

After the end of the Second World War some boys such as John Hannan stayed in the Armed Forces and served in Korea – where John was a prisoner of War for 20 months.

Soon after others fought in Malay, Vietnam then on to modern conflicts in the Middle East, Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Buildings – The Campus takes shape

The first buildings were simply six classrooms and the imposing Brothers’ House – then one of the largest buildings in Chatswood. After the war, the Catholic community worked hard to develop the School’s facilities. The Parish Priest at the time, Father Flynn, knew that one problem was the lack of Science facilities so he purchased the ex-army huts to house rudimentary Science labs and classrooms. These huts became a feature of the School for many years and served many purposes. The new Science rooms facilitated the completion of the first Leaving Certificate for the school in 1948. This first public exam showed the success of the School with regard to its capacity to educate in that the College Captain and Dux, James Biggs, went on to have a distinguished career in Medicine.

The School continued to expand in the 1950s. It purchased land in Lane Cove for playing fields which became known as Chaplin Oval.

Brother Stephenson worked hard in the 1960s to gain a better site for the School. Graham Rossiter oversaw the establishment of the Science labs, which still serve us well today. There were more junior classrooms as well as Art, Music and Tech Rooms. Music went from strength to strength. The School was, for a brief time in the 1970s, co-instructional with Our Lady of Dolours across the road, with the boys and girls sharing classrooms and activities.

In recent decades, the School has expanded as much as it could within the confines of the site. Brother Walsh brought great energy and developed the Treacy Centre at Oxford Falls. He used to like to go down and see the work unfold. Brother Leary managed the next round of extensions around the Administration and the old Brothers’ House. The final Christian Brother Principal, Brother Hoffman, bought property in Anderson Street and supervised the building of the gymnasium at Oxford Falls.

Shaping the Modern School

It would have been impossible in 1937 to have imagined an evening such as this as ever occurring.

It would have been hard to imagine the present day College when the small local Catholic School opened 80 years ago, with its modest aspiration only to present students to do Intermediate Level. Now the College consistently gains academic results which place its students in the very top rung of high achievers in the State. In addition, there are vibrant extracurricular activities beyond the imagination of the people of 1937.

The people of 1937 would have understood Debating, Rugby, Cricket, Athletics and Swimming. They would have viewed Soccer, Basketball, Squash and Mock Trial with suspicion. They could not have imagined computers in classrooms, Robotics, Chinese Language classes, the Science Olympiads, the multicultural



student body, the number of female teachers, Mass in the English language, the high-rise nature of Chatswood. The world of emails, the internet, etexts and elearning was science fiction, but that is now our daily reality.

But they would have recognised the key focus of a sound education based in firm Gospel values. They would have approved a student being told to study hard, to be taught to respect others, to care for the marginalised and obey the law. They would have been happy that their vision has resulted in a night such as this.

They would have been proud to have three Bishops, Malone, Ingham and Collins as Old Boys. They would have been pleased that prominent citizens such as Rear Admiral, the Hon. Justice M J Slattery RANR Judge and Judge Advocate General attended Primary School here. In addition, that Senior Editors Paul Kelly and Greg Sheridan of *The Australian* newspaper went to school here. Current Wallaby Michael Hooper was here and Major General Brian (Hori) Howard MC was in the cadets here in the 1950s.

The School has come a long way from that first day in 1937 – spiritually, socially, intellectually and physically. St Pius X College has moved out of the shadow of other, more established Catholic institutions around the country, and that is due to the contribution and vision of the Christian Brothers, lay teachers, parents and students who worked and lived here and shaped this community.

So, tonight, we acknowledge the work of all those who have gone before.

Mr Tony Cunneen, Student Studies Coordinator and College Historian

3 Generations of Pius

St Pius X College is firmly in the DNA of those families which have been connected for three generations at the College. On its 80th anniversary, the College acknowledges with gratitude some of these families and their ongoing commitment and contribution to the life of St Pius X College.

Brannan

Matthew Brannan’s (Year 8) grandmother’s brother Kevin McCathy was a first day student. He follows older brother James (SPX 2015), father Sean (SPX 1986) and uncles Adrian (SPX 1990), Martin (1982) and Chris (1994).

Brodie

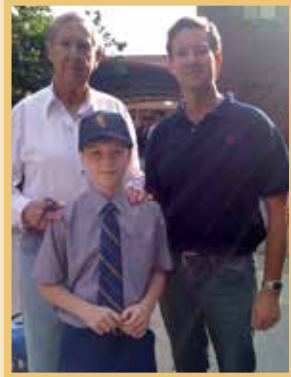
Year 12 student Nicholas Brodie’s grandfather Alan was student number 37. He follows his father (James SPX 1981), uncles (Stephen SPX 1973, Ross SPX 1976 and David SPX 1978). David’s sons Matthew (SPX 2001) and Luke (SPX 2004) are also Old Boys.



Ross Brodie (SPX 1976) at his Formal with his parents Alan and Jan Brodie



David and Alan Brodie with Mathew and Luke



1st day of school for Nicholas Brodie (Year 12) with his father James and grandfather Alan



Nicholas Brodie (Year 12), James Brodie (1981), Jan Brodie, David Brodie (1978), Matthew Brodie (2001), Stephen Brodie (1973), Luke Brodie (2004)

Tradition

Hoy and Watts

Jeremy Hoy (Year 11), Daniel Hoy (Year 9) and Matthew Watts (Year 8) are grandsons of Demot Hoy (1957). Jeremy and Daniel are the sons of the late Bryan Hoy (SPX 1985).



Dermot Hoy, the late Bryan Hoy and Daniel



The late Bryan Hoy with his sons Daniel and Jeremy

Jom and Byrne

Ryan Jom (Year 6) is the third generation of his mother’s family following his uncles Damian and Kieran Byrne and grandfather Denis Byrne (SPX 1964).

McCallum

Tyson McCallum (Year 9) is the grandson of John McCallum (SPX 1959).

O’Brien

When Hudson O’Brien left the College in 2015 his family had more than fifty years association. His grandfather Philip (SPX 1957) and his brothers (one being in the original class), his father Martin (SPX 1987) and his brothers Anthony (SPX 1984) and Patrick (SPX 1987) all attended the College.

Patteson and Robinson

James (Year 11) and William (Year 7) Robinson’s grandfather, John Patteson left the College in 1958 and their uncle Joseph Patteson (pictured) attended SPX in the 1990s.



Lenehan and Haymen

Kalani Lenehan (Year 10) and Thomas Haymen (Year 6) are grandsons of Tony Lenehan (SPX 1954). Kalani's father is James (SPX 1987) whose brothers Martyn (SPX 1983), Matt (SPX 1985) and Anthony (SPX 1987) also attended the College.



The Lenehan family featured in the North Shore Times on the eve of the 80th Anniversary Mass

McGrath and French

Cousins David French (Year 12) and Mitchell McGrath (Year 6) are grandsons of the late Denis McGrath (SPX 1957). Their uncle was the late Michael McGrath (SPX 1982). Mitchell is the son of Anthony (SPX 1991) and David is the son of Sharyn (1984) who attended Mercy in the co-instruction era.



Class of 1984 - 30 year reunion 2014



David French (Year 12), Mitchell McGrath (Year 6) and Anthony McGrath (SPX 1991)



Denis McGrath (centre) at Class of 1957 reunion

McElvogue

Charlie (Year 9) and Tom (Year 5) are grandsons of the late Brian McElvogue (CBC 1949), sons of James (SPX 1988) and nephews of Sean (SPX 1981) and Tom (SPX 1985).



Brian McElvogue



Charlie McElvogue (Year 9), Sean McElvogue (SPX 1981), James McElvogue (SPX 1988), Tom McElvogue (Year 5) and Tom McElvogue (SPX 1985)

Pearce

Will Pearce (Year 6) follows his father James (SPX 1990) and grandfather Peter (SPX 1965). Baby Aiden (pictured centre) is a potential student for 2024.



Speter and Low

Cousins Jaiden Speter (Year 7) and Zachary Low (Year 7) follow in the footsteps of Harold Speter (CBHS 1947) and Rodney (SPX 1977), Jon (SPX 1989) and Steven (SPX 1991). Both Rodney and Steven have had distinguished careers in the military and Rodney has been awarded an OAM for his service.



Speters from left: Steve, Harry, Jon, Rod Speter

Tunchon and Moylan

James Moylan (SPX 2004) and Luke (SPX 2005) are the grandsons of John Tunchon (1943 School Captain) and grand nephews of Patrick, Peter and Michael who attended school in the 1940s and 50s. John's daughter Cathy attended Mercy in the coinstruction era and married Andrew Moylan (SPX 1976). The Ambrose Tunchon Award was named in honour of James and Luke's great grandfather, a dedicated parent in the early years of the College.

Ryan and Mooney

David Mooney's (Year 8) grandfather Phil Ryan was a first day student in 1937. Sadly he passed away before the 80th Anniversary but he attended the 2016 Fathers Day breakfast with David. The Ryans had four sons Gerard (SPX 1984), Damian (SPX 1987), Bernard (SPX 1988) and Richard (SPX 1992) and a daughter Julia who married John Mooney (SPX 1987) whose brothers Patrick (SPX 1978) and Martin (SPX 1982) also attended the College.



The start of the school year - Bernard (1981-1988), Damian (1980-1987) and Gerard (1977-1984), at the front of the Ryan house in Beauchamp Avenue



Mr Phil Ryan with his grandson David Mooney at the 2016 Fathers Day breakfast



Bernard, Richard (1985-1992) and Damian Ryan



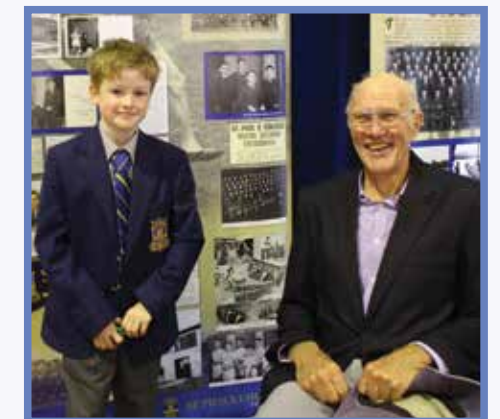
Mrs Ryan at the 80th Anniversary Mass



1938

Hammond

Jack Hammond (Year 5) follows his grandfather Kenneth Hammond (SPX 1957), father Matthew (SPX 1989) and uncle Christopher (SPX 1984). His great grandfather Jack used horse drawn equipment to excavate the site of the current gym so two tennis courts could be built there.



Spencer

James Spencer (Year 11) follows in the footsteps of his father (Greg SPX 1983), uncles Dick (SPX 1981), Mick (SPX 1985), John (SPX 1988) and Bob (SPX 1993) and uncle Jim Byrne. His grand uncles Terrence and John travelled daily by train from Woy Woy leaving the College in 1952.



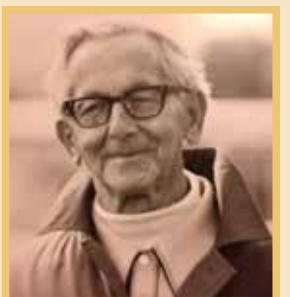
The Spencers - John (SPX 1987), Richard (College Captain SPX 1981), James (Year 11), Mick (College Captain SPX 1985) & Greg (SPX 1983)

Supple and Ward

Nicholas Ward (Year 8) is the great grandson of the late Frank and Lyla Supple, legendary College parents who raised significant funds for the College through dances and housie during the 1940s and 1950s. They had three sons at the College. Peter (CBC 1948), John (CBC 1951) and Ray (CBC 1953). Nicholas is grandson of the late John Supple and nephew of David (SPX 1982) and Mark Supple (SPX 1984).



Frank Supple Field



Mr Frank Supple, legendary fundraiser for the College

Celebrating College staff with 25 years service

Founder's Day Festival 24 November 2017

In the 80th anniversary year of the College, long serving staff at St Pius X College were honoured with an Edmund Rice Waterford Award to recognise their dedication, commitment and service to the College for 25 years or more by the end of 2017.

Thank you and congratulations to

- ★ Mr Jim Olson (26 years)
- ★ Mrs Leonie Millar (27 years)
- ★ Mr Neil Gibson (28 years)
- ★ Mrs Elena Martin (28 years)
- ★ Mr Mark Anderson (32 years)
- ★ Mr Tony Cunneen (34 years)
- ★ Mr Ross Masters (39 years)
- ★ Mr Terry Patterson (40 years)
- ★ Mr Mark Pawlak (40 years)

In the College's 80th Anniversary year we are very proud to recognise long serving staff who have served the College for 25 years or more.

These staff have given exemplary service in many different roles but in every case it has been the care for the students, the dedication and commitment to St Pius X College as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition and a true love for this community that has characterised their service.

It is with the highest level of appreciation that we thank these staff who have contributed collectively 294 years of service. Their contribution is immeasurable and with an immensity that spans many generations of Pius graduates.

In awarding these staff with an Edmund Rice Waterford Award we offer our heartfelt congratulations and we look forward to their continued service to the College.

Mr John Couani, Principal



Long-serving staff members, left to right: Mr Jim Olson, Mr Ross Masters, Mr Terry Patterson, Mr Tony Cunneen, Mr Mark Anderson, Mrs Elena Martin, Mr Mark Pawlak, Mrs Leonie Millar, Mr Neil Gibson

Mr Mark Anderson



Mr Anderson - Art class in action



Mr Anderson - as the Art Department Coordinator and the fruits of one of his students on display at the SPX Art Show



Mr Anderson - coach in the football U15s

Mr Tony Cunneen



Mr Masters & Mr Cunneen - planning Year 12 activities



Mr Cunneen Student Studies Coordinator and History Teacher, has been instrumental in maintaining the important College tradition of continuing to pay our respects to our war veterans and their families.

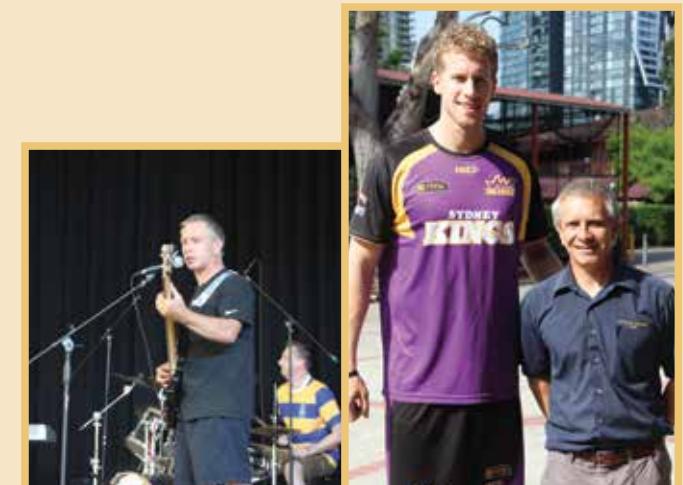


Mr Masters & Mr Cunneen - Year 12 Coordinators guide our students towards the future through 'faith and hard work'

Mr Neil Gibson



Mr Gibson - coach of football



Mr Gibson with former student and international basketballer Josh Duinker (SPX 2007)



Mr Gibson and the staff band at the Founder's Day Festival 2015

Mrs Elena Martin



Mrs Martin - Junior football team coach



Mrs Martin - Book Week activities

Mrs Martin - in character for the Book Week Parade



Mr Jim Olson



Mr Olson - a group of Year 7 students pay a visit to see Mr Olson in action behind the scenes



Mr Olson - directing the student body ahead of one of many Liturgical gatherings



Mr Olson - as Deputy Principal ensuring that all announcements and presentations are made during Monday school assemblies.

Mr Ross Masters



Mr Masters - as an SPX student receiving an award during the Friday school assembly



Mr Masters - coaching rugby on our home turf



Mr Masters - final tips for a Year 12 student ahead of the HSC exam

Mrs Leonie Millar



Mrs Millar - teaching staff how the CD-ROM works back in 1994 and the "dial up" modem for the internet in 1995



Mrs Millar - teaching students how to research information online



Mrs Millar with Ms Karen Keighery and Brother Carl Sherrin

Mr Terrance Patterson



Mr Patterson - coach of Junior Football U12s



Mr Patterson - in character at the Junior school Book Week parade



Mr Patterson with one of his Year 5 Classes

Mr Mark Pawlak



Mr Pawlak with 14As



MARK PAWLAK
1968. Lane Cove.
A. Study all head-shrinking methods.
O. Teaching.
W. "Head", "Yak".
S. "Big Bicky, Pinny".



Mr Pawlak - Year 12 HSC Class, with eyes on becoming a Geography teacher, a dream come true 40 years in the continuous making

Mr Pawlak - Year 7 Coordinator outside the Kirk Street classrooms

Old Boys Association 80th Anniversary Celebrations – Mass of Thanksgiving, College Tour and Dinner

1 September 2017

The Old Boys Association celebrated the College’s 80th anniversary with Mass in the College Chapel, a tour of the Chatswood campus and dinner at the College’s Treacy Complex, Oxford Falls.

Guests of honour included Mr Edward Brett (CBC 1954) grandfather of Oliver Franklin (Year 10) both of whom read at Mass, Mr Dermot Hoy, Mr David Bradley, Mr Bill Sutton, Mr Dixon, Association Patron Brother Carl Sherrin, outgoing College Board Chair Mr Peter Hughes, Mr Simon Darcy, four Ryan brothers – the sons of first day pupil Mr Phil Ryan, three Spencer brothers and Parish Priest Father Paul Finnucane.

Old Boys appreciated being shown the recently renovated Brothers’ House and Archives by Brother Carl Sherrin who is also the College Archivist.

More than 160 Old Boys enjoyed the night from the leaving classes of the 1950s to our newest Old Boys - the Class of 2016.

Thank you to the many Old Boys who organised and generously supported this event including long serving outgoing Old Boys Association President Mr David Bullard (SPX 1982), Secretary and Incoming President Mr Jeff Clarke (SPX 1986), Mr Brett Laird (SPX 1982), Mr Chuck Kilby (SPX 1981), Mr Mark Santone (SPX 1986), Mr Brad Hall (SPX 1986), Mr Barry Wong, Mr Adrian Brannan (SPX 1990), Mr Sean Brannan (SPX 1986) and Mr John Reid (SPX 1968).



Father Paul Finucane, College and Students leaders and ex students in the College Chapel



Mr Edward Brett (CBC 1954)



The Brother Col McDonald Gym at Oxford Falls



The Brother Col McDonald Gym at Oxford Falls



College Captain 1956, Mr Michael Flanagan



Mr Bill Sutton (SPX 1957) above centre



1970s-1980s



Circa 1986



Mr Mark Santone, Mr Giuseppe Guerrera and Mr Joe Lursudo



The Brannan brothers

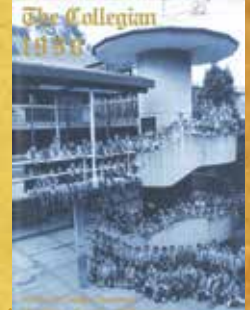


Mr Carl Sherrin, Mr David Bradley and Mr George Paul



The Ryan brothers

books and excursions * Rugby tours * Family year musicals in Willoughby, Sydney Town Halls, the Opera House * Fetes * Dances of meat pies from the tuckshop in winter * Smell of life savers from the factory next to Chaplin Oval in Lane Cove * the sound and involvement of parents * war cries * College song * interconnectness of schools * family photos involving students in all three schools * Pre-schoolers coming with Mum and Dad * Plastic garbage bags as curtains in the huts * benches from the SCG as playground seats * if you wanted to see a brother y short and long rings) * Life long mates * Yearbooks * Community spirit * Dances/Discos * Rugby tours * Good time excursions * Rugby tours * End of year musicals in Willoughby, Sydney Town Halls, the Opera House * Fetes * Dances of meat pies from the tuckshop in winter * Smell of life savers from the factory next to Chaplin Oval in Lane Cove * the sound and involvement of parents * war cries * College song * interconnectness of schools * family photos involving students in all three schools * Pre-schoolers coming with Mum and Dad * Plastic garbage bags as curtains in the huts * benches from the SCG as playground seats * if you wanted to



We acknowledge the Cammeraygal and the Guringai people, their spirits and ancestors, traditional inhabitants of the land on which we stand.

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