

# InProfile

Autumn 2019

Junior School  
excited for  
the new year!



ST PIUS X COLLEGE  
CHATSWOOD



*'Get amongst it'*



EDMUND RICE EDUCATION  
AUSTRALIA





*'Get amongst it'*

The 2019 theme is **Unity in Community**.

Colloquially expressed by Year 12, 2019 as the opportunity to "Get Amongst It", it invites all students and members of the wider St Pius X College Community to participate as fully as possible in the life of the College.

*'I encourage you all to involve yourselves in new activities. New sport, new music groups, chess, debating, mindmatters, peer mentoring; any new activity you come across, get amongst it. You only get out, what you put in. This has never been more true for our situation here at school. The more you are involved in college life, the more you feel part of the wider school community. With this, comes pride and enjoyment of our school, which is exactly what your 2019 student leadership team aims to achieve through the implementation of our Unity in Community theme.'*

*You only get out what you put in.'*


Excerpt from Oliver Tysoe's  
Leaders' Investiture Speech 2018

**Year 5**



From little things,  
big things grow  
Mk 4:30

**Year 9**




"...Go and  
do likewise!"  
Lk 10:25

**Year 6**



"Come and see"  
Jn 1:35

**Year 10**



"...You did for me"  
Mt 25:40

**Year 7**



Good soil  
Lk 8:1

**Year 11**




Stewardship  
Lk 19:12

**Year 8**



Know your value  
Mt 6:25

**Year 12**



Go make a difference  
Mt 28:16

## PRINCIPAL'S *Welcome*



### Welcome to the Autumn 2019 edition of Pius In Profile.

The College year started with recognition of the excellent HSC results of 2018. It was very satisfying to see the class of 2018 fulfil their potential in so many academic areas including the Sciences and Humanities. It is encouraging to note that so many of the high achieving students also had very busy lives around the College – excellent examples of the benefits of a holistic education in the Edmund Rice tradition. Once again, this magazine will highlight the many different aspects of life in the College and its extended community.

Our 2018 theme, **Stewards of Creation**, reflected Pope Francis' exhortation for all people to engage in an 'ecological conversion' to care for the planet. Our theme of **Unity in Community** in 2019 reflects the message contained within

**St Paul's Letter to the Corinthians 12:12-14:**

*As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body,*

*though many, are one body, so also Christ.*

*For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body,*

*and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.*

*Now the body is not a single part, but many.*

The theme was determined by our 2019 Year 12 leaders, with the catch cry, **"Get Amongst It"**. The leaders are urging that students should actively participate in all aspects of College life. The slogan is central to a wider sphere of school activities. Students should take advantage of the many aspects of the College's Catholic Mission and Identity, well-being initiatives, sports programs, cultural activities and academic pursuits.

Our Prefects introduced the theme to the student body on Monday 5 February and it was officially launched at our commencement Mass, celebrated by Fr Jim McKeon on Tuesday 12 February, in the presence of Mr Leuenberger, Deputy Director of EREA. *Unity in Community* encompasses all of the EREA Touchstones.

I know that the coming year will bring successes, as well as challenges, but am confident that we have a fine team of teachers and students to lead us into the future.

John Couani  
PRINCIPAL



*fide et labore,*  
THROUGH FAITH AND HARD WORK

LEADERS AND ACHIEVERS

Joshua Rayner

College Dux ATAR 99.45

- » HSC All Rounder
- » Macquarie University Prize for Outstanding Academic Achievement
- » Academic Honours First Class
- » College Gold for Academic Studies
- » College Blue for Cricket



Studying Commerce/Advanced Studies at Sydney University

What did you enjoy most about your time at St Pius X - the friendships that I made and the relationships that will last a lifetime.

The genuine enjoyment of school helped me improve academically.

My best memories were representing the school in Rugby and Cricket, and the Queensland Tour. School sport helped me develop as a person and to make friendships that will last a lifetime.

A High Achiever's Insight

St Pius X provided me with motivated and passionate teachers who were always willing to help outside of class time, and who helped me improve. I owe a lot to the entire St Pius X Community who have helped me succeed academically and in personal development. I've had a lot of great memories and close friends at St Pius X and will always be thankful to the College.

My advice for younger students is have fun and not to take school too seriously. While the HSC is a challenge and will require hard work, it's more important to still have fun, participate in extra-curricular activities and to have something to look forward to. Academic success will come if you're happy and have time to get away from the books.

My tips for getting good results and managing the HSC are to engage in extra-curricular activities and have commitments that you look forward to. Work hard but base your study schedules around other activities so you can learn to manage time. Also, use effective study techniques and use your teachers as much as possible. They will always be willing to help.

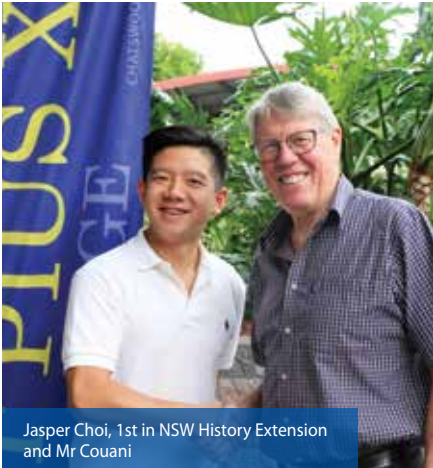
Summary of HSC Results by ATAR

College Dux	Joshua Rayner
First in NSW History Extension	Jasper Choi
All Rounders (attained Band 6 in 10 or more units)	Hunter Clarke Daniel Hall
	Phillip Cullen Nikita Papastamatis
	Isaac Fong Joshua Rayner
Distinguished Achievers (attained a Band 6 or Band E4)*	127 mentions
Total Number of Bands 5, 6, E3 and E4	434
Courses above the State Average	73%
Summary of HSC results by ATAR	ATAR 99 and above 2 students
	ATAR 95 and above 17 students
	ATAR 90 and above 32 students
	ATAR 80 and above 70 students

\* Includes Year 11 Mathematics Accelerants



Congratulations to the High Achievers ATARS over 90



Jasper Choi, 1st in NSW History Extension and Mr Couani



## 2019 Leaders' Investiture

Willoughby Deputy Mayor, Councillor Judith Rutherford addressed the St Pius X College community at the 2019 Student Leaders' Investiture on November 1, 2018 at the Concourse Chatswood. She reminded the emerging Leaders in her welcoming address that being a leader is not only a great honour but comes with great responsibility. She outlined Forbes Magazine top 5 things that make a good leader. These were:

1. Having faith in your beliefs
2. Making the hard choices
3. Earning respect
4. Not leading by force but gently encouraging people to be their best and
5. Serving a greater cause

She wished the new Leaders all the best and noted that upholding these qualities would not only make them great leaders in 2019 but would take them far in their lives beyond school.



Leaders' Investiture at the Concourse



Prefects 2019



Official Party at Leaders' Investiture

## 2019 College Leaders



Oliver Tysoe  
COLLEGE CAPTAIN



Luke Forwood  
COLLEGE VICE CAPTAIN



Nicholas McLachlan  
COLLEGE VICE CAPTAIN



Hamish Alexander  
PREFECT



Lachlan Donlevy  
PREFECT



Neil D'Silva  
PREFECT



Max Fazzino  
PREFECT



Thomas Jamieson  
PREFECT



David Ko  
PREFECT



Nicholas McKenzie  
PREFECT



Christopher Pelle  
PREFECT



Jason Sacre  
PREFECT



Daniel Scipioni  
PREFECT



Aiden Teuma  
PREFECT



Thomas Wong  
PREFECT



Timothy McLachlan  
BARRON HOUSE CAPTAIN



Luke Psaila  
PURTON HOUSE CAPTAIN



Hayden Robertson  
RICE HOUSE CAPTAIN



Kalani Lenehan  
TREACY HOUSE CAPTAIN



## MISSION AND IDENTITY



Traditional smoking ceremony led by Mr Kaleb Taylor



Workul Koo Opening and Blessing



### Blessing and Opening of “Workul Koo”

(FORMERLY HUNTINGTON HOUSE)

On November 19, students and staff from Christian Brothers High School (CBHS) Lewisham and St Pius X College Chatswood gathered for Mass at the jointly owned and newly refurbished Retreat Centre at Wamberal on the Central Coast. The ceremony was opened with a traditional smoking ceremony led by CBHS Indigenous Advisor Mr Kaleb Taylor, along with Indigenous students from both schools. Fr Paul Finucane, former Chatswood Parish Priest, who is now the Parish Priest of Kincumber, celebrated Mass. This concluded with a blessing and then an official renaming of this facility by EREA Deputy Executive Director Mr Peter Leuenberger. The Retreat Centre is named “Workul Koo” which translates as “One God”, reflecting faith in God and our relationship with the land, all of creation, the ancestral spirits of the past, present and future.

### Commencement Mass

The 2019 College Commencement Mass on February 12, was a wonderful celebration where students and staff, parents and friends committed to do their very best in study, sport, performing arts and cultural activities, in friendships, family and all in unity in our community.

Parish Priest, Fr Jim McKeon, spoke beautifully, breaking open the scripture to capture what was at the heart of our school – faith, support and care for each other and combined effort to making a better world.

The College was joined by Mr Peter Leuenberger, Deputy Executive Director of EREA and Regional Director, and Br Carl Sherrin representing the Christian Brothers.



Oliver Tysoe (College Captain) carries the Bible into Mass



### Remembrance Day - 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day

The College held its annual Remembrance Day Assembly on November 12, marking the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day, 11 November 1918. The College was joined by a large number of Old Boys, members of the community, the Consul General of PNG, as well as the President and members of the Chatswood RSL Club.

On November 10, House Vice Captains, Class Captains and Student Leaders represented the College at the Chatswood Cenotaph Ceremony. The College wreath was laid by Year 5 Class Captains, Noah Joyson and Jack Fairbanks, whose proud grandmother explained that Jack's great great Uncle was killed on 4th May 1915, 10 days after the landing at Gallipoli. After the ceremony the students spoke with Mrs Daphne Dunne, the elderly widow of local VC recipient Albert Chowne who was KIA in 1945 in Papua New Guinea and after whom the Willoughby Oval Hall complex is dedicated. The Mayor of Willoughby, Gail Giles-Gibney, and Councillor Anthony Mustaca OAM, Old Boy of SPX and Honoured Knight of The Star of Italy, also took time to commend our students on their contribution to the ceremony.

The Remembrance Day Centenary was commemorated by the historic unveiling of a new plaque adjacent to the cross in the Garden of Remembrance in Chatswood. It reads: *When you go home tell them of us and say, "They gave their tomorrow for our today."*

### Founder's Day

On November 23, the College celebrated the Annual College Founder's Day with special guests,



Students with Daphne Dunne at Chatswood Cenotaph

Australian cricketer Steve Smith and Triple M's Gus Worland. The day included a brilliant presentation from Kaleb Taylor, Indigenous Advisor from CBHS Lewisham, and a group of senior students from St Ignatius Riverview who were boarders from NSW rural areas affected by the drought. It was a great community day and the boys learnt about mental health, resilience, the land and drought, Indigenous culture and "giving back" to the community.

### Year 10 Immersions

During November, 26 Year 10 students were involved in outreach and service in a number of venues such as St Edmund's, St Gabriel's, Bowraville, Walgett and the Central Coast. While it may have been a break from the daily routine at home and school, it certainly was not a holiday. The students and staff were involved in the life of the schools and venues, some of which were undoubtedly challenging.

*It was great to connect with the kids and break down walls between our culture and theirs. We had a chance to go out and hear Dreamtime stories and really get to know the kids.*

Charlie Cullen, Year 10

### Thanks

Thanks and congratulations go to all staff who worked tirelessly in ensuring these events ran like clockwork. Particular thanks goes to Mr Ed Cods,



Steve Smith, cricketer, at Founder's Day



Walgett Immersion

Mr Adrian Brannan, Mr Sean Brannan, Ms Annie Bryant, Ms Denise Ramsey and Ms Bettina Spanyik.



## TEACHING AND LEARNING

### Staff Service Awards

The College recognised staff members who have worked at the College for more than 20 years, during Term 4 Founders Day celebrations. Staff who served 25 years or more have been recognised previously.

**Below is the list of staff who were acknowledged in 2018**

*From left in top photo:*

**Mr Patrick Cogan** 21 Years  
**Mr Kiaran O'Byrne** 24 Years  
**Ms Maxine Hunt** 23 Years  
**Mr Steve Quilty** 22 Years  
**Ms Leisa Proc** 20 Years  
**Ms Judy Black** 25 Years  
**Ms Melissa King** 25 Years  
**Ms Marianne Erickson** 21 Years  
**Ms Sue Cheney** 20 Years  
**Mr Rick Russo** 25 Years  
**Ms Tracey Bates** 21 Years (absent in photo)



### New Staff for 2019

**The College welcomes the following new teaching and support staff in 2019**

*From left in photo:*

**Mr James Quinn** – TAS  
**Mr Paul Donovan** - PD/H/PE and RE  
**Mrs Jacqueline Loughman** - English, HSIE  
**Ms Felicity van Riet** - HSIE  
**Mrs Annabel Gunns** - Learning Support and Enrichment Coordinator  
**Mr Antony Horan** - Mathematics, Science & STEM  
**Mr Nathanael Primrose-Heaney** - Music  
**Mr Fernando Mendez** - TAS  
**Mr Justin Varjavandi** - Science  
**Mr Nathan Mulheron** - Assistant Principal, Mission & Identity  
**Mr Chris Ure** - Year 6  
*Absent in photo:*  
**Mr Jack Gruber** – ICT Trainee  
**Ms Sarah Panozzo** - Student Reception  
**Mr Paul Ticli** - Science and Year 8 Coordinator (*Returning*)

### ICAS English Assessment HIGH DISTINCTION AWARDS

For over 30 years the University of NSW Global Assessments have conducted the ICAS Assessment in Australia with over one million entries annually from over 6,300 schools in Australia and New Zealand. In addition, students from over 20 countries including Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and the USA participate in ICAS each year.

Last year almost one million entries were received and only the top 1%

of these students received a High Distinction for their participation in the Assessment. Seven St Pius X College students received High Distinctions.

### National Writing Competition Winners

With a dramatic short story, "The Case of the Cold War", Liam Benson, Luke McManus, Ryan Pratt and Taylor Alan, representing St. Pius X College, were one of three schools (from the Years' 10 to 12 division) to be awarded in the annual Write a Book in Day Award Ceremony at Westmead Children's Hospital. Their story, which the judges commended for its distinctive Australian voice and its originality, was up against the other 348 schools competing.

As well as developing writing skills and teamwork, Write a Book in a Day raises money for Cancer Research and the stories are published and read by young people with cancer.



English High Distinction Awards Year 10: Charles Cullen, Year 9 Thomas Hopkins, Monte Tanfield, Year 8: Max Leo, Ben O'Reilly, Charles Crowe-Maxwell, Benjamin Cullen



### 2018 Minister's Award for Excellence

Congratulations to Aiden Saraceno, Year 7, who was selected to receive a Highly Commended Award as part of the Minister's Award for Excellence in Student Achievement at the Armenian Community Language School.

### New South Wales School of Community Languages

Congratulations to Lachlan Green, Japanese Beginners and Lachlan Donlevy, Continuers French, who both received Awards from NSL for their commitment, effort and academic achievement for language learning.

### Edmund Rice Centre WRITING COMPETITION

A Justice Literary Writing Competition sponsored by the Edmund Rice Centre appealed to over sixty students from St Pius X College. Students submitted a piece of creative writing (short story, poem, speech, opinion piece, feature article, a video, a script, song or song lyrics etc) that had a focus on issues of social justice, including Aboriginal justice, refugees and people seeking asylum, climate change, homelessness, mental health, gender, equality and bullying. Entries were judged in two categories Years 7 - 9 and Years 10 - 12.



Edmund Rice Centre Justice Literary Writing Competition

**Matthew Brannan from Year 9 (2018) was the Writing Category Winner for his story: "The Park Bench".**

St Pius X College also received a collection of books for the Senior Resource Centre in recognition of its enthusiastic submission of so many entries. The College congratulates and appreciates the work of Mr Alex Listo in encouraging student participation.

each year, participants visit science and technology related laboratories and facilities, go on site tours, listen to lectures, take part in workshops, go to social events, and participate in group activities that improve communication and presentation skills. The focus is not solely on academic achievements, but on developing well-rounded individuals who have the skills and confidence to determine their futures.

### Youth Science Forum CANBERRA

Two Year 11, 2018 students, Daniel Scipioni and Ruairi O'Kane, participated in the National Youth Science Forum over the Christmas holiday break. The 12-day residential program provided students a broader understanding of the diverse study and career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Run in January

Ruairi O'Kane:

*It has opened my eyes to many other scientific fields and has made me surer of a career in physics. I talked to distinguished scientists and professors from many different fields who gave me advice on what I should prioritize and what to expect of a career in science.*

*My two favourite trips where to ANU's particle accelerator and the radio telescope.*



National Writing Competition Winners Luke McManus, Ryan Pratt, Liam Benson and Taylor Alan with Ms Keighery.



Awardees: Lachlan Donlevy Continuers French, Aiden Saraceno, Highly Commended Award and Lachlan Green Japanese Beginners

## PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS



Join the fun at the Ukelele and Guitar Club



Miguel Alvarez inspires Stage 4 students

Studies show that learning to play a musical instrument, acting, singing, composing and dancing offer enormous benefits to a child's brain function and health. With that in mind, the College has on offer many opportunities for boys to get involved in 2019 including.

- » String Ensembles – Junior, Intermediate and Senior, Senior String Quartet and Senior String Trio
- » Choirs – Junior, Senior and Show
- » Concert Bands – Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Senior
- » Digital Music Ensembles - Junior, Intermediate and Senior
- » Drama Ensembles - Junior and Senior (from Term 2)
- » Guitar Ensembles – Junior, Intermediate and Senior
- » Jazz Bands - Junior, Intermediate and Senior
- » College Orchestra
- » Percussion Ensembles - Junior, Intermediate and Senior
- » Dance Ensembles - Junior Hip Hop and Senior Break Dance
- » Ukulele and Guitar Club
- » Elective Ensembles - Contemporary and Chamber

**The Performing Arts Department proudly offers students private tuition in the following areas:**

- » Brass (Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Euphonium, Tuba)
- » Woodwind (Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Saxophone)
- » Strings (Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass)
- » Percussion (Drum Kit, Tuned Percussion)
- » Piano (Classical and Contemporary)
- » Guitar (Classical, Electric and Bass)
- » Voice/Singing (Classical and Contemporary)
- » Musicianship or Music Theory
- » Music Production Digital Music
- » Composition
- » Contemporary Dance

### New to St Pius BREAK DANCE AND HIP HOP CLASSES

Break Dance - Directed by Hideo Shinokubo of DanceCool: Tuesday 7.30am-8.30am Drama Studio for boys in Years 7-12.

Hip Hop Class - Directed by Tanya Carne of Dance Action: Tuesday Lunchtimes College Gym for boys in Years 5-6.

### UKULELE & GUITAR CLUB - UKE CAN DO IT!

Ukulele & Guitar Club – Directed by Music Staff & Visiting Artists.

Wednesday Lunchtimes Music Rm 1 for beginners in 5-12. Guitars and Ukes provided, or boys can bring their own.

### GREAT EXPECTATIONS SAVE THE DATE

Under the direction of Ms Penny Lindley, Mercy College and St Pius X College combine their talents to bring this enduring tale of morality to the stage of the Sarto Centre on April 2, 3 and 4, 2019.



Break Dance Teacher Hideo Shiokuobu and Adam Carpenter Year 10.



### Year 9 Ceroc Dance Workshop

Year 9 represented the College proudly on the dance floor at Oxford Falls on November 21 where they integrated smoothly, cohesively, and with great respect, with their counterparts from Brigidine College St Ives.



### E Safety

Parents from the College and surrounding schools welcomed advice from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner on February 19. They learned first-hand how to safely manage online behaviours, identity contact and interactions, and the need to have conversations with their children about their online brand. Parents were reassured by the steps and protocols the College community have in place to support students in reinforcing positive learning behaviours, and making considered, constructive and respectful decisions online. More information is available for parents at the [safety.gov](http://safety.gov) website



### Buddies not Bullies Beach walk

St Pius X College as part of its Pastoral Care program run the MindMatters framework, a whole of school approach for mental health and wellbeing that promotes resilience in the school context as well as connectedness and a community approach to the issue of bullying. Directly following Founder's Day, 30 peer mentors/mentees and the student empowerment team left Oxford Falls for a beach walk from Fisherman's Beach Collaroy, around Long Reef to Dee Why. The students who have had a great time getting to know each other during the year engaged in conversation and just had a good time as they walked along the reef and beach and swam in the excellent conditions at Dee Why Beach.

Each boy then wrote a letter to a student at a fellow Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders School: Stella Maris College Uruguay, Cardinal Newman College Argentina, St Marys Grammar School Ireland, St Anselms College England, St Thomas More Collegiate, Canada, Mt Edmund College South Africa and Br Damien Memorial School, USA where they introduced themselves and described what it means to be a student in the Edmund Rice tradition at St Pius X College.

### Touchstone Inclusivity and Induction Day

On February 8, Year 7 travelled to Oxford Falls to learn the History of the area and the College from Mr Tony Cunneen; Mindmatters community building from Mr Russo, Mr Lynch and Mr Stollery; Social Justice from Mr Balboa, Ms Doyle and Mr Mulheron and the Edmund Rice touchstones and St Pius X College story from Br Carl Sherrin and Mr Brannan.



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#### Letter from Year 7 student Darcy

Dear Student,  
Hi my name is Darcy and I am a year 7 student at an Edmund Rice school, St Pius X College, Sydney, Australia. I have 1 dog named Izzy and two older siblings. Do you have any pets or siblings? This year we have learnt that Edmund Rice was an Irish man with 6 siblings. Just after he had a baby his wife died. That left him devastated. One day he looked out the window and saw lots of poor boys so he went outside to help. Ever since then he was a very caring person. He started making schools to help all the kids in poverty. I love to play Rugby and Cricket. What sports do you like to play?



## SPORT



College House Captains adding style to the day

## Swimming Carnivals

### FEBRUARY 5 AND 6

The Senior Swimming Carnival was superbly contested with results going down to the wire and the relays determining final positions. The final points scores were **Rice 929, Treacy 906, Purton 891 and Barron 759.**

Nicholas Gladen of Year 7 broke every record in the U13 age group except for the 50m Freestyle and Ben Ferguson broke the 20 year old U16 50m Freestyle record by 0.04 seconds.

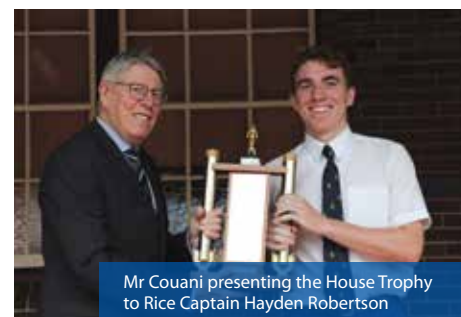
### 2019 Senior School

#### Age Champions were:

12 years	Josh Turner
13 years	Nicholas Gladen
14 years	Shoaland Griffiths
15 years	Aaron Lau
16 years	Ben Ferguson
17 years	Alex Wall
Opens	Liam Kerlin



Junior School swimmers with Mr Couani



Mr Couani presenting the House Trophy to Rice Captain Hayden Robertson

The Junior Swimming Carnival was a great day of participation and sportsmanship. The boys participated well, with Barron House taking out the Trophy.

### 2019 Junior School

#### Age Champions were:

U10	Louis Forbes
U11	Archie Ferguson
Open	Jonathan Yang



Barron House win the Junior School Shield



## SPORT

### Tennis Champions

St Pius X Teams were represented across 16 matches in the NSTA Competition finals in December. Of those matches 8 were finals while the others were play-offs to establish final rankings in the Term 4 NSTA Competition.

Congratulations to Teams 3, 8, 12, 24 who won their finals and well done to the Runners-Up in those matches.



### Representative Squash

It is now with great pride that St Pius X College can add representative squash as an opportunity for its students. Summer representative squash returned to St Pius X in Term 4 after decades of an internal competition.



## CONGRATULATIONS

### AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADET SUCCESS

Tom Jamieson, Year 12, is a member of the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) 304 Squadron, Pymble. The AAFC is a youth development organisation developing leadership and future career pathways, whilst also providing countless opportunities, some of which are in aviation flying training.

### NATIONAL AVIATION COMPETITION WINNER

Every year, the AAFC holds a nationwide aviation competition, where each state sends their best two pilots to compete against other states. It is a major achievement to be selected with pilots being selected on their flying ability and levels of airmanship.

Tom was selected by NSW to fly gliders, the DG1001 type flown by the AAFC. Gliders are towed into the sky by a powered aircraft and released at 2500ft above the ground to conduct a sortie. During the competition each contestant is given four flights where they are judged by a panel of instructors on various elements of their flying training, ranging from take-off and landing to aerobatics. Tom came first overall, receiving Dux of the competition and for his conduct, bearing, judgement and application, and received the Award for Airmanship.

### CADET UNDER OFFICER

Tom also recently achieved the highest attainable cadet rank in the AAFC – that of Cadet Under Officer (CUO). Being promoted to this rank involves separate promotions through

all the preceding ranks, and passing a two week course run at RAAF Base Wagga. Cadets are tested to their limits under constant assessment, and pushed out of their comfort zones in numerous exercises. To pass, one must extensively display 20 intrinsic qualities of leadership, and pass 13 academic exams. It is one of the most gruelling and challenging courses the AAFC has to offer.

Tom says the CUO course changed him immensely:

*"As you go through the ranks you become more confident with yourself. Cadets has shaped my confidence, but I found that when things didn't go the way I wanted I'd look for excuses. A large part of the course instilled in me a deep acceptance of responsibility, and the need for moral courage and integrity. I feel as if integrity underpins any quality in life and it's taken me a while to really understand it."*

Tom completed the course with Distinction, and as a result was selected as the National Banner Bearer for the graduation parade.

Congratulations to Tom on his AAFC achievements.



Tom Jamieson Air Cadets



Tom Jamieson with his Awards

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION

### Year 9 Camp

Year 9 Rites of Passage Camps were held on a rotational Homeroom basis during November with all students attending Workul Koo (Huntington House) on the Beach at Terrigal. Albeit in a comfortable setting, the camp is designed to challenge students, to reflect on their journey through life. They do this in the context of listening to others' stories and considering how they can positively impact those they come into contact with. The Year 9 Pastoral Care Themes "Respectful Men of Honour", "Rites of Passage", and the Gospel Spirituality Theme: "Go and do likewise" from the Good Samaritan Parable Luke 10: 25 – 37 - provided the backdrop for this.

The activities of paddle boarding, bushwalking, learning about Aboriginal spirituality and belief systems, surfing, swimming and environmental stewardship, and being in community with their peers, provided the stimulus for action and growth. These shared growth experiences outside the classroom provided an important basis for the cohort to connect.



Year 9 Camp

**Account from Lachlan Onslow.** After settling in we walked down to Terrigal lagoon for a paddle-boarding lesson, then went to the beach where some of us braved a "Challenge by choice" cold 400m swim out to "Goldie" the Terrigal swim buoy. After dinner, Uncle and Aunt of ex student Lachlan Ridley's (RIP), a Gatigal man and a Wiradjuri woman, spoke to us about Aboriginal Australia. The next morning we hiked 6km, met Niko, who talked to us about mental health and wellbeing before surfing lessons followed by a drum lesson with James, relating back to our Touchstones. After dinner, we had self-reflection and evaluated the camp. The next morning after more surfing we cleaning up before walking up the Skillion and enjoyed views of the coast.

### Year 11 Snowy Hike

58 students, 9 staff, an old boy and staff member's son completed the annual Snowy Hike during the last week of Term 4. After much preparation and training students and staff spent 5 days hiking 100 kilometres through the Kosciuszko National Park. These trips don't happen without hours of planning and preparation from College staff.

Thus special thanks go to those staff pictured below:  
From left Standing: Amanda O'Brien, David Reay, Daniel Butler (SPX Old Boy), Ben Cunneen, Veronica Kuganathan, Matt Stearn, Outdoor Ed Coordinator Paul de Silva, Front: Greg Vergona, Andrew Darbin, Justin Donnelly and Phil Stollery.



One of the Snowy Hike groups on Mt Kosciuszko



Thanks to the Snowy Hike Leaders



## Inclusive Community

### New P&F for 2019

The P&F welcomes in a new committee for 2019 with a great cross section of year groups represented, thus ensuring a wider representation of the community. New faces bring lots of new ideas of how the P&F can support the students and the school. The P&F is an important part of the school community, providing support with activities and experiences throughout the year, including Sporting Clubs, Immersion Programs, Music, Robotics, or Kokoda Treks. This is all focused on the enrichment of the boys during their time at the College.

The P&F is supported by a group of volunteers actively engaged in helping out, whilst having a great time at events, including the Cocktail Party or Trivia Night. The P&F is always looking for more members and helpers to assist when and however they can, and look forward to welcoming new parents in 2019.

#### 2019 Executive Committee

Braelen Zwart – President  
Angelo Guerrera & James Makarewicz – Vice Presidents  
Sarah Gillard – Secretary  
Renee Sullivan – Assistant Secretary  
Thomas Lau – Treasurer  
Louise Johnston & Rossana Bennett – Social Coordinators  
Chris Tysoe – Communications Coordinator  
Cassie Buono – Class Parent Coordinator

### Rugby Supporters Club

#### GOLF DAY

On December 12, 2018, the St Pius X College Rugby Supporters' Club held its inaugural fundraising Golf Day at the Roseville Golf Club featuring Rugby legends, Rod Kafer and Royce Simmons.

These sporting personalities joined Principal, John Couani and 75 golfers

### Vale

#### MR JOHN CHAPLIN OAM

In April, former student, Mr John Chaplin OAM passed away. He was the younger son of Mr Arnold Chaplin who surveyed the original Chaplin Oval in Mars Road Lane Cove. John Chaplin attended the College from 3rd Grade until completing the Leaving Certificate in 1952. He became a successful lawyer with BHP and a long term stalwart of Rotary. He was also a stalwart of the sport of archery. The Chaplin family have taken a great interest in the College for decades. John's brother Phil is a regular attendee at College events. Our condolences go to the Chaplin Family.



Courtesy Kiama Municipal Council

### Key Event Dates

Open Day	Saturday 16 March
Cocktail Party	Friday 5 April
Teacher's Breakfast	Friday 12 April
Mother's Day Breakfast	Friday 10 May
Trivia Night	Saturday 17 August
Father's Day Breakfast	Friday 30 August
Yr5-6 Orientation Morning	TBC

### P&F Meetings

Term 1	Monday 18 March
Term 2	Monday 13 May
Term 3	Monday 26 August
Term 4 AGM	Monday 4 November

in raising funds to support Rugby development at the College. Major Sponsor, Scuderia Veloce Volvo of Lindfield had on offer a new 2018 Volvo XC60 motor vehicle for a "hole in one" but this wasn't given away on the day. The SPX Rugby Supporters' Club is a SPX parent body (under the SPX P & F Association) which raises funds to assist the College in the on-going development of the College's Rugby program. In 2018 some 350 boys at the College from Year 5 to Year 12 played rugby.

### Old Boys Association



The College congratulates Mr Kevin Roberts, who was College Vice Captain in 1990, on his appointment as CEO of Cricket Australia. Kevin was the youngest

of three Roberts boys to attend the College. He went on to have an extensive career in business before returning to his great love, cricket, as an administrator. His success is no surprise to those who remember him from school days where he displayed great leadership along with his College Captain, Mr Adrian Brannan, who is currently on staff here.



Invictus Games Assembly 2018



Junior School Maths Olympiad participants



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Year 5 camp



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Junior School 2018 Prize Winners



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