



**ST PIUS X COLLEGE**  
CHATSWOOD

*Prospectus*





*fide et labore*

THROUGH FAITH AND HARD WORK



# Welcome

Welcome to St Pius X College, a leading Catholic Boys School in the Edmund Rice tradition.

Our vibrant and inclusive community is dedicated to developing the spiritual, intellectual, social, cultural and physical wellbeing of every student. The College does this through offering a wide range of opportunities and experiences designed to engage and encourage boys to participate and further develop their interests, skills and passions.

The College supports every student on their journey to becoming confident, capable and respectful young men.

We welcome you and your son to join our caring and committed community, and invite you to learn more about our College through this Prospectus and on our website at: [www.spx.nsw.edu.au](http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au)

*“St Pius X is an Inclusive Community  
dedicated to educating Young Men  
to be the best they can”*





*To make a positive difference  
in our world*



# Our Mission

To provide a Catholic education for boys in a community that promotes the spiritual, intellectual, social, cultural and physical growth of each person.

# Our Vision

For the College to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ through quality Catholic education in the Edmund Rice tradition, so that our graduates can make a positive difference to the world.

# Our Values

## ✦ Faith

As a Catholic community we give witness to the *Good News* of Jesus Christ through a vibrant sacramental and prayer life.

## ✦ Excellence

We are committed to excellence in the education of boys, and the pursuit of the highest levels of attainment in all aspects of education.

## ✦ Respect

We hold a deep regard for self and others through care, compassion and service acknowledging the dignity and rights of all people.

## ✦ Opportunity

We encourage and support each person to develop their aspirations and achieve their goals in a Catholic environment.







*Juniors step up to life  
in the larger College community*



# Junior School

Years 5-6

*“A warm and nurturing learning environment that supports the transition to senior school”*

The Junior School welcomes boys in Years 5 and 6, into a warm and nurturing learning environment. Attached to the main campus, junior students have their own dedicated classrooms, playground, teaching staff and library to facilitate personal growth and learning as well as a seamless introduction to Senior School.

The development of critical and creative thinking skills embraces learning. The provision of an excellent range of co-curricular activities including robotics, debating, chess, intellectual challenges, sport, music and drama extends this learning beyond the classroom.

Junior School boys benefit from leadership opportunities and a closely linked wellbeing and academic program underpinned with Catholic values.

Parents are essential partners in their sons' development and education. They are valued members of the College Community and are welcome to participate in class programs, other supporter groups and the Parents and Friends.





*A busy student is a happy  
and productive student*

# Senior School

## Years 7-12

St Pius X College understands boys' education and the different stages and demands of adolescence and supports the development of every student throughout their schooling.

In Years 7 and 8, as boys transition from Junior or Primary school, they are supported with peer mentoring, a dedicated Year 7 playground, as well as camps and retreats that focus on creating a sense of belonging to a community through building the foundations of respect and resilience.

In Years 9 and 10, as the boys continue their personal development, the College provides opportunities for achievement and reflection, whilst guiding and supporting boys as they progress into adulthood. Boys are introduced to responsible decision making through subject selection choices. Pastoral Care programs focus on building men of character and strong values.

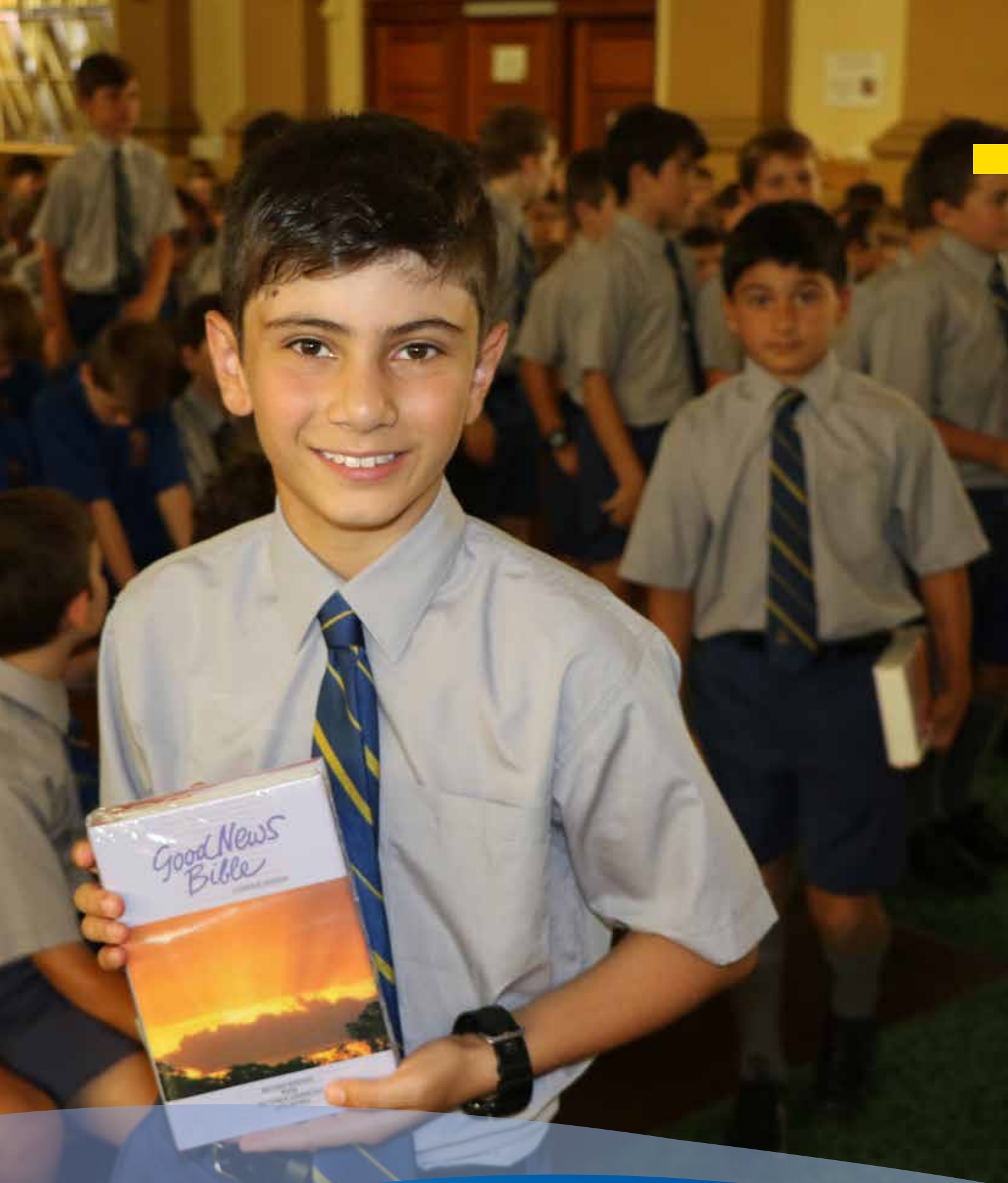
Senior Students from Years 11 and 12 step up to the challenges of the HSC. They take over the roles of mentors and leaders of the College. Pastoral care programs focus on the development of leadership and life skills whilst at all times supporting their mental and physical well being.

Ancient History  
Biology  
Business Studies  
Catholic Studies  
Chemistry  
Chinese Continuers  
Chinese Extension  
Chinese and Literature  
Commerce  
Design and Technology  
Drama  
Economics  
Engineering Studies  
English  
English Extension One  
Geography  
French  
History (Ancient, Modern and Extension)  
Industrial Technology - Timber  
Information and Software Technology  
Information Processes and Technology

Investigating Science  
Legal Studies  
Mathematics  
Mathematics Accelerated  
Mathematics Extension 1  
Mathematics Extension 2  
Mathematics General/Standard  
Music 1  
Music 2  
Music Extension  
Open High School languages  
Physical Activity and Sports Science  
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education  
Photography and Digital Media  
Physics  
Sports Leisure and Recreation  
Studies of Religion 1  
Studies of Religion 2  
Software Design and Development  
Visual Arts

courses





*Faith underpins life  
at the College*

# Faith

St Pius X College is a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition where Faith is an integral and active part of everyday school life.

Gospel Spirituality underpins College activity. Students and staff live this Faith through care and respect to one another, through social justice programs as well as a range of outreach services in the community.

The College continues a rich tradition of Catholic Education founded in 1802 by Edmund Ignatius Rice. His vision was to enable young people to live dignified and fruitful lives through education.

St Pius X believes in the value of a strong and inclusive community involving a partnership of students, parents, local parishes and society in general. Each year there are a number of significant occasions when the College community gathers together to celebrate Masses and Liturgies.

*“Encouraging students to find purpose and meaning in their faith and make gospel values real in their lives”*



EDMUND IGNATIUS RICE





*Caring for and nurturing  
young men*

# Student Wellbeing

*“St Pius X develops young men to respect themselves and others ”*

St Pius X College is a vibrant and inclusive community, where every person is welcomed, accepted, valued and equipped to achieve their personal best.

As an accredited National “Be You” school, the College promotes positive mental health and wellbeing. Hallmarks of this whole-school initiative include building positive self-image as well as self - esteem, resilience and respect for others.

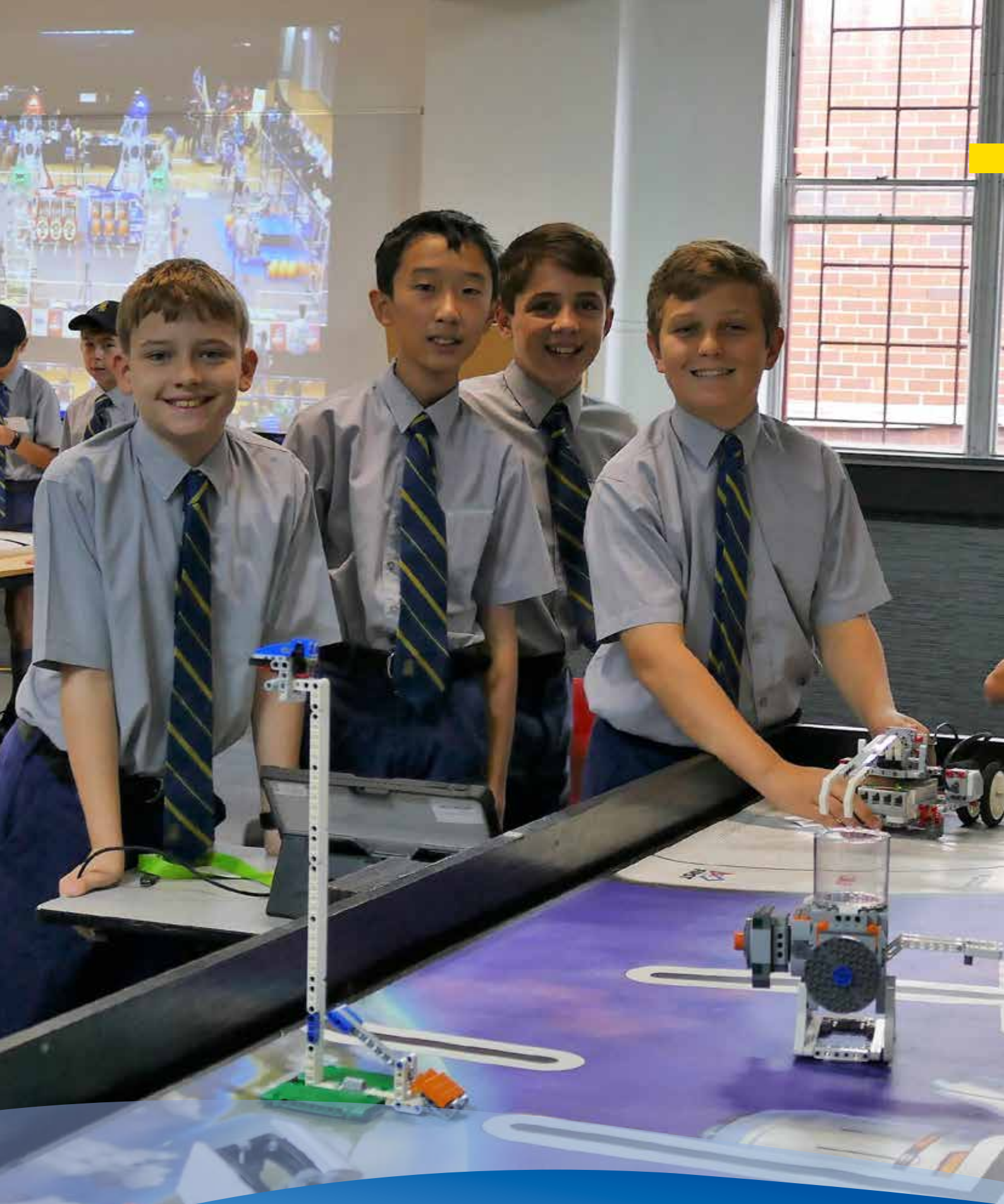
Every staff member at the College is a teacher of wellbeing. Every interaction is seen as an opportunity to enhance and shape the wellbeing of the students and the community.

Pastoral Care programs include a range of whole of school and year experiences such as camps and retreats, homerooms, peer mentoring and reflection days. The College also offers a range support services to students and their families in special need.

RESPECTED  
WELCOMED  
ACCEPTED  
VALUED







*It takes a community  
to educate a child*

# Learning Experiences

St Pius X College provides a stimulating learning environment for a holistic education where young boys develop into critical and creative thinkers equipped academically, spiritually and emotionally to prosper in life.

As an academically non selective boys' school St Pius X College consistently ranks in the top 100 schools in NSW delivering results well above state averages. Over 75% of Year 12 students go on to Tertiary education. Many students attain the very highest level of academic achievement.

Whilst each individual boy develops according to his own abilities, it is the continual interplay of **experience, reflection and action** in the teaching and learning process that lies at the heart of the St Pius X learning experience.

Boys are supported by highly qualified, experienced and diverse staff with extensive resources in a caring environment. This enables them to experience, reflect and grow into competent and compassionate young men.

A challenging and inclusive curriculum complemented by a wide range of co-curricular opportunities, provides relevant learning experiences for all students.

Extension programs also cater to specific needs such as leadership development, Church involvement, elite sporting pathways and high level academic opportunities.

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







*Educating young men who can make  
a difference for others in the world*

# Social Justice

*“Providing experiences that develop compassion and consideration of others in the community”*

Education at St Pius X College develops boys into respectful and well rounded young men with compassion and consideration for others in the community. Our touchstone ‘Justice and Solidarity’ leads us to justice and peace through action and reflection.

Students participate in a wide range of social responsibility and community service programs in Australia and across the globe.

Our strategic focus includes:

## **“GIVING VOICE TO THE VOICELESS”**

The Edmund Rice Society is a voluntary group of students in the College who work together to support the charism of the Founder by giving practical help to those in need.

## **“SERVICE UNTO OTHERS”**

All students are encouraged to understand and express their faith through voluntary service to others. Each year group experiences this in many and ways culminating in Year 10 and 11, where all students volunteer for 30 hours of service to the community.

## **“ EXPERIENCING AND APPRECIATING HOW OTHERS LIVE”**

Mutually rewarding partnerships with other Edmund Rice schools both within and outside Australia enabling the formation of partnerships which develop an understanding of how others live.

## **“UNITY AND SOLIDARITY”**

The College works for unity and solidarity with Indigenous peoples. Indigenous Reconciliation is a feature of the College’s Liturgies, ceremonies, uniforms, immersion programs and artwork.





*Boys are kept busy, fuelling their imagination and developing their minds*

# Sport and Other Co-curricular

St Pius X College provides many opportunities for students to be involved in a variety of co-curricular activities. This involvement benefits the whole community, staff, students and families in that it enriches relationships and builds character, teamwork, skills and school spirit.

Co-curricular activities deepen the school experience for all our students, and from the arts to the sporting field, students are encouraged to challenge themselves and uncover their talents.

Sport is a valuable part of a boy's education and supports the development of well-rounded young men. Students at St Pius X College can participate in competitive or non-competitive sports that cater for all levels of ability from beginner to representative opportunities.

St Pius X students are encouraged to extend their critical and creative thinking through participation in a range of co-curricular activities including Robotics, Debating, Chess, the Da Vinci Decathlon, Public Speaking and Mock Trial.

Local and international tours, specialist clinics and participation in wider school and community competitions further develop skills and support high level representation across all sporting and other co-curricular activities..

## Sports

Athletics  
Basketball  
Cricket  
Cross country  
Football  
Rugby  
Softball  
Squash  
Surf education  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Boxercise

## Co-curricular

Chess  
Da Vinci Decathlon  
Debating  
Mock Trial  
Public Speaking  
Robotics





*Holistic and spiritual development*

# Outdoor Education

Outdoor Education is a feature of the College. Students participate in enjoyable, activity-based programs that promote self-development. The many activities on offer at the College nurture positive relationships, build respect, provide controlled challenges, develop personal resilience, teamwork and leadership.

All students participate in Camps and retreats that build the foundations for a strong year group and a sustainable sense of community. There are also additional Outdoor Education opportunities including:

**The Duke of Edinburgh's international Award.** A well established internationally recognised youth development program.

**The Outdoor Education Group** for students wanting to learn the necessary skills to operate in remote locations.

**Year 11 Snowy Mountains Hike** – a unique and challenging 100km hike over 5 days

**Kokoda Track Expedition** – This ultimate physical and mental challenge is offered biannually to students in Years 9-11 and their families

**Be You/ Mindmatters** program which includes Boxercise, paddle boarding, indoor rock-climbing, buddies bush walks and short hikes to encourage positive mental health.

*“Activity based programs provide key self development opportunities”*





*“The Performing Arts  
empower children  
spectacularly”*

Richard Gill AO



# Performing Arts

St Pius X College is highly regarded for its exemplary Performing Arts program. The College's traditions and everyday activities testify to the belief that Drama, Music and Dance empower students, impacting on their cognitive, social, spiritual, physical and emotional development.

Drama and Music are part of the formal curriculum through to the HSC. In addition, over 400 students participate in 32 ensembles including an Orchestra, Concert Bands, Jazz Bands, Choirs, Drama Ensembles and Dance Groups. The College offers instruction in digital music, composition and private tuition for many instruments.

Our programs are actively supported by the Performing Arts' Parents Association. This thriving parent body helps with our concerts, workshops, performance opportunities and provides additional equipment to support teaching and learning. Our facilities and resources are constantly being upgraded to ensure students have access to the best opportunities and experiences.

Our Performing Arts Calendar provides an array of opportunities for students to showcase their talents which include: College Liturgies, Twilight Concerts, Instrumental Soirees, Drama productions, Eisteddfods, Awards Ceremonies, HSC Showcase Concerts and a range of community events.

Our Year 12 students have a history of high achievement in HSC examinations, with many going onto careers in the arts.

Through the Performing Arts programs students of St Pius X College emerge as modern-day Renaissance men – comfortable with the artistic, academic, sporting and spiritual dimensions of life.

String Ensembles –  
Junior, Intermediate & Senior  
Senior String Quartet  
Senior String Trio  
Choirs – Junior, Senior & Show  
Concert Bands – Primary, Junior,  
Intermediate & Senior  
Digital Music Ensembles -  
Junior, Intermediate & Senior  
Drama Ensembles - Junior & Senior  
Guitar Ensembles –  
Junior, Intermediate & Senior

Jazz Bands -  
Junior, Intermediate & Senior  
College Orchestra  
Percussion Ensembles -  
Junior, Intermediate & Senior  
Dance Ensembles - Junior Hip Hop  
& Senior Break Dance  
Ukulele & Guitar Club  
Elective Ensembles -  
Contemporary & Chamber

ensembles







# Facilities

The College is continually developing its facilities and resources to meet the needs of today's modern learners. Multiple venues and facilities provide a variety of learning and personal development opportunities. These include:

## **CHATSWOOD CAMPUS**

Conveniently set in the heart of Chatswood close to transport, the main educational centre accommodates the Junior and High School students. The modern school environment includes state of the art laboratories, performance spaces, grounds and classrooms.

Proximity to the Parish church ensures a continued close spiritual relationship with the local Catholic community.



## **TREACY SPORTING AND EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX**

The College's state of the art educational and sporting complex at Oxford Falls is just 10 kilometres from the main Chatswood Campus and further extends student learning opportunities. The Complex spans six hectares and is used for inter-school sports competitions, sports days, study days, retreats, trainings and other special events. The complex readily accommodates the entire school for important ceremonies and performances.



## **WORKUL KOO RETREAT CENTRE TERRIGAL BEACH**

The Workul Koo retreat centre is jointly owned with Christian Brothers College Lewisham. It offers group accommodation on Terrigal Beach where students and staff can experience retreats, reflection days, respite and training, and personal development in a very different environment.



*Access to leading sporting and educational facilities support modern learners*



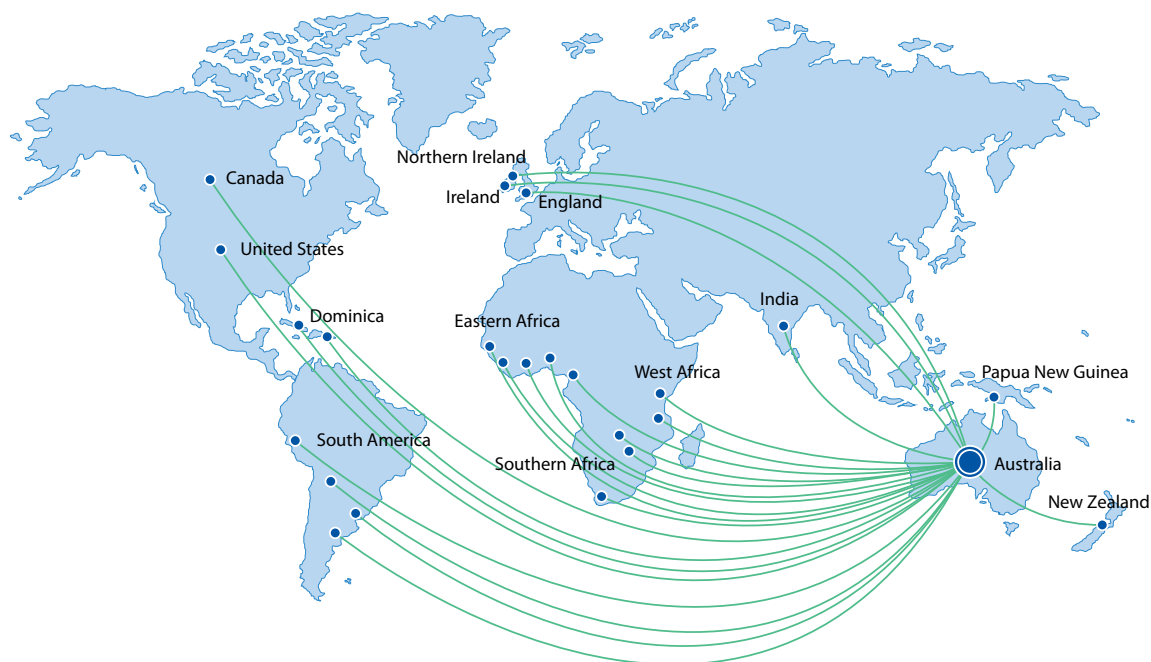


*A global network of opportunity*



# Global Connections

St Pius X College connects locally and internationally with Edmund Rice schools and like minded organisations across the world. This provides opportunities for student and staff growth and development through outreach programs, immersions, sporting competitions and service based learning experiences.



*“A network of over 250 schools inspired by Edmund Rice charism in over 20 countries”*

The College operates as a member of **Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA)**, a network of over 50 schools across Australia offering a Catholic education guided by the charism of Edmund Rice. EREA schools offer a liberating education, based on gospel spirituality, within an inclusive community committed to justice and solidarity.



An International network of Edmund Rice schools in over 20 countries. It promotes global solidarity and offers a transformational education for justice and liberation. **Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders** provides opportunities for St Pius X College students and staff to network, share ideas and learn from each other's experiences.







*Be part of a life long community*

# Why boys thrive

## ✦ **Faith**

We ensure Faith is an integral and active part of everyday College life providing students with purpose and meaning.

## ✦ **Excellence**

We understand every student is unique and recognise the potential in everyone. The College celebrates these differences and promotes the pursuit of knowledge, a love of learning and a commitment to personal achievement.

## ✦ **Respect**

We want boys to respect themselves and each other. We are committed to building and supporting student wellbeing through programs and activities that build resilience, respect, friendships and self confidence.

## ✦ **Opportunity**

We provide many opportunities to create experiences. Boys are encouraged to try new activities, find their passion and make new friends by getting involved in the many activities, programs and opportunities on offer at the College.

## ✦ **Compassion**

We provide boys with opportunities and experiences that develop compassion and consideration of others in their community.

## ✦ **Community**

Students become part of a supportive and welcoming community and learn the value of this.

## Find out More

Visit our website [www.spx.nsw.edu.au](http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au)

### **Come to our Open Day**

Open Day is held in March every year. You will be welcomed by our student guides and meet our Principal, College Leadership Team, staff, students and parents.

### **Enrolling Your Son**

*Expression of Interest.* For families wishing to send their son in either Year 5, 6 or 7 complete an online Expression of Interest Form today to receive timely enrolment information and updates.

*Enrolment Forms* are only available online in March **two years** prior to proposed enrolment for boys in Years 5, 6 and 7.

For enrolments in Years 8 – 11, please contact the College Registrars directly.

Current Schedule of Fees and Scholarship information are available at [www.spx.nsw.edu.au](http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au)





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