

ST PIUS X COLLEGE

CHATSWOOD





Congratulations Class of 2018

The Class of 2018 achieved outstanding results in the Higher School Certificate. Their high results in a range of subjects were a credit to them and the many people, family and teachers, who supported them.

They were excellent leaders around the College. Many of the highest achievers combined a busy extracurricular life with their academic work. There were many fine musicians, public speakers and sportsmen. They were enthusiastic in charitable works and led many activities about the College. As Eucharistic Ministers they provided fine examples of Faith to all the College community.

John Couani PRINCIPAL

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	

YEAR 12 HSC HIGH ACHIEVERS, ATAR 90 OR ABOVE



Joshua Rayner college dux atar 99.45 All Rounder



Dimitrios Aleporos



Daniel Aposhian



Alexander Bain



Jamieson Bennetts



Jasper Choi
1st in NSW - History Extension



Hunter Clarke
All Rounder
ENCORE Performer



Thomas Courtney



Phillip Cullen



Michael Currington

YEAR 12 HSC HIGH ACHIEVERS, ATAR 90 OR ABOVE



Benjamin Di Tommaso



Cody Fisher-Peel



Isaac Fong All Rounder



Connor Foung



Jordan Furlan



Daniel Hall All Rounder



Christian Harris



Jeremy Harris



Benjamin Johnson



Patrick Leahy



Lachlan Lowick



Alex Mardirossian



Louis Mosmann



Matthew Murphy



Carlo Orbegoso-Jordan



Nikita Papastamatis



Nicholas Parker



Robert Richey



Marcus Rossetto



Joshua Smith



Oliver Stewart



Jake Watts



Jack Moran
Nominated for ARTEXPRESS



Callum Stephen
Nominated for OnSTAGE

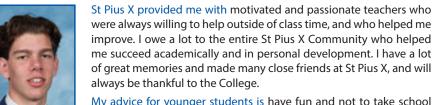
Joshua Rayner College Dux ATAR 99.45

- » 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. It was a genuine enjoyment of school that 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.



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 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 are always be willing to help.

Phillip Cullen ATAR 99.05

- » College Prefect, Culture and Sustainability
- » HSC All Rounder
- » Academic Honours First Class
- » College Gold for Academic Studies
- » College Gold for Music
- » The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award
- » Edmund Rice Leadership Award
- » Snowy Mountains Hike
- » Peer Support Leader

Studying a Bachelor of Music (Composition) at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music

What did you enjoy most about your time at St Pius X? I was lucky to be amongst a cohort of really great people and the sense of camaraderie and mutual support was something I really enjoyed and will remember fondly.



My best memories were the unique experiences outside of the classroom especially the Bowraville Immersion, Outdoor Ed program and the Snowy Hike. I'd encourage everyone to involve themselves in programs like these.

St Pius X taught me a lot more than what was in the curriculum. Working with so many different people - staff and students - was at times rewarding, difficult, interesting and confronting. These experiences have left me stronger, more confident and ready for life ahead, which is probably more valuable than lessons taught in classes.

My advice for younger students is to choose subjects you love and you will set yourself up for a more enjoyable school experience. Don't worry about what your friends are doing or what your parents did - this is YOUR education!

My tips for getting good results are to continue to do things you enjoy outside of school. There is no reason you can't do sports, play instruments and work part time jobs. In fact, it is really important that you do find balance. If you pay attention during classes and do a few hours of work each afternoon, that should be plenty. Don't burn yourself out.

Daniel Hall ATAR 98.70 College Captain

- » Academic Honours First Class
- » Br M M O'Connor Prize for General Excellence and Leadership
- » The Paul Richmond Memorial Award (2016)
- » Pierre de Coubertin Award 2018
- » 1st XV Rugby 2018, 1st XI Cricket 2017-18
- » College Gold for Athletics and Academics
- » College Silver for Cricket and Rugby
- » Snowy Mountains Hike
- » Peer Support Leader
- » Peer Mentor
- » Edmund Rice Society

Studying a Bachelor of Commerce/Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Australian National University

What did you enjoy most about your time at St Pius X? I most enjoyed the time spent with mates at recess and lunch, in the afternoon at Chatswood Library and on Saturday morning on the sidelines of a cricket game. The learning environment at St Pius X was as enjoyable as one could hope for, however it was the moments in the blast of school life, especially in the senior years – in which friendships were built and memories made.



My best memories were Year 10 immersion to Walgett, Snowy Hike and the Year 12 Retreat.

St Pius X provided me with a fantastic environment to develop holistically as a person. Not many other schools strike such a balance between academic opportunity, extracurricular development and fostering genuine desire to make a difference in the world.

My advice for younger students is to get involved in as many extracurricular activities as possible, especially in the younger years. Have a go at something that you haven't tried before. This is one of the best ways to make friends, and it will pay dividends in the number of all-important SPX badges on your blazer in later years.

My tips for getting good results and managing the HSC are to keep a level head and a sense of perspective regarding the HSC. Setting high goals and working tirelessly towards them is essential, but it is important to keep a balance, and not put your life on hold during Year 12. It may seem that, whilst under the mountain of homework, taking a step back from extra-curricular activities will provide relief. However, it is often these distractions that are essential in keeping motivation from dropping throughout the year. There is a limit to how many hours you can spend pouring over the same textbook, and you'll find that by keeping yourself busy, the time you do spend studying will be more effective.

2018 High Achiever's Insights

Isaac Fong

ATAR 98.35

- » College Prefect, Learning
- » HSC All Rounder
- » Academic Honours First Class
- » College Gold for Academic Studies
- » College Silver for Football
- » Edmund Rice Leadership Award
- » Peer Support Leader
- » Coach's Award for the 1st Football Team



Studying Commerce and Science at University New South Wales

I enjoyed the school community, in particular, the camaraderie amongst our year group. My best memories are the times in the classroom and the yard with mates, and playing in the 1st XI football team.

Looking back, having now finished Year 12, you'll realise that it is not what you are learning that is important, rather it is how you are learning and it is these skills that can be used beyond school.

My tips for getting good results and managing the HSC are to maintain balance and exercise. Make time for friends and family and time to rest. A great outlet for me was playing football for both club and school.

Nikita Papastamatis

College Vice-Captain

- » HSC All Rounder
- » Brother J R Killian Award for Personal Character and Influence on the Life of the College
- » Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award
- » Edmund Rice Leadership Award
- » Premiers Anzac Memorial Scholarship (2016)
- » Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh's International Awards
- » College Silver for Tennis
- » College Blue for Academia
- » Snowy Mountains Hike
- » Peer Support Leader
- » Student Empowerment Team Leader

Studying a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Advanced Studies (Politics and International Relations Stream) at Sydney University



St Pius X College has provided me with a holistic education for life. Through the many opportunities and extra-curricular programs provided, I was able to develop strong friendships and feel part of a broader community who genuinely cared for each other. Every day there was something new to learn or experience, shaping me into the person I am today. This unique education has allowed me to not only graduate with a quality education, but also with an invaluable set of life skills for the future.

My advice for younger students is to always 'have a go' and aim high. Getting involved in the Empowerment Teams or joining the Duke of Edinburgh programs will allow you to develop skills that aid you on your journey through school. I equally found it important to aim high. Make sure you set goals that push you to where you're not confident and confused, as you will be surprised at what you can achieve in these situations.

My tips for getting good results and managing the HSC: ORGANISATION!!! It is a given that you need to have a good work ethic and know what methods of studying works best for you. In my experience, if I was unorganised with my study, I felt limited in my ability to achieve good results. Knowing what's happening and when you will be busy with assessment tasks is extremely simple and accessible but is a beneficial way to be organised and will boost your marks.

Hunter Clarke

- » College Prefect, Culture and Sustainability
- » HSC All Rounder
- » Academic Honours First Class
- » College Gold for Academic Studies
- » College Silver for Music
- » Edmund Rice Leadership Award
- » The Alan Ward Memorial Prize for Contribution to Music and the Performing Arts
- » The Keith Kellett Award for Leading Senior Band Member
- » 2018 HSC Encore Performer
- » The Caltex Best All Rounder Award (2016)
- » Peer Support Leader
- » Coach's Award for 4th V Basketball Team

Studying Marketing and Media at Macquarie University

St Pius X provided me with countless opportunities to grow and develop as an all-rounded individual. It gave me a foundation on which I could build, and to all those who helped myself and the cohort on their journey to graduation, I am grateful.

The best advice is to just step forward and TRY. Try your hardest, try to improve, try new things! It is the consistency in effort and a determined outlook which leads to greatness - in all things, not just in school.

My tip for managing the HSC is to have an outlet. Find something you are passionate about and use it as a reward and as a release for your effort. Do not let yourself become overwhelmed with anxiety. Instead, manage your stress and balance your time with a physical and mental outlet, something like sport or music, to help yourself focus and enjoy your final years.



Jasper Choi ATAR 97.55

- » College Prefect
- » State Rank First in Course History Extension
- » Academic Honours First Class
- » Macquarie University Global Leadership Entry Program Prize
- » Edmund Rice Leadership Award
- » Performing Arts Captain
- » Peer Support Leader
- College Silver for Debating
- » College Silver for Music
- » College Blue for Rugby
- » College Blue for Academia

Studying Arts/Law at University New South Wales

I have most enjoyed my senior years and the lifelong friendships that I have fostered. These relationships pushed me to go beyond my academic and personal goals, ultimately enriching my high school experience.

My advice for younger students is to enjoy time with your friends and try anything and everything to expand your horizons. Just get out there and have a go at a new sport, immerse yourself in a social justice initiative or just involve yourself more in College life!

My tips for managing the HSC and getting good results are to be wary of distractions, especially social media and maintain a healthy social and family life. A tangible and powerful strategy to get good results is to write at least one essay a week for any subject you choose; it will improve your writing and concept development drastically, just try it and you will see the results!





St Pius X College students achieving the Top 2 bands (Bands 5, 6, E3 and E4)

Subject	St Pius X College Top 2 bands	State Top 2 bands	Difference (%)
French Beginners	100.0	41.6	58.4
French Continuers	100.0	64.2	35.9
Physics	65.4	33.8	31.6
Chemistry	71.4	42.1	29.3
English Extension 2	100.0	71.1	28.9
Legal Studies	72.7	44.0	28.7
Studies of Religion II	67.6	41.0	26.6
Biology	60.9	36.9	24.0
Engineering Studies	57.1	35.7	21.4
Modern History	59.6	41.8	17.8
Mathematics Extension 2	100.0	85.4	14.6
Mathematics	66.3	51.8	14.5
Ancient History	50.0	36.1	13.9
Chinese Continuers	100.0	86.8	13.2
Geography	56.3	43.2	13.1
Business Studies	48.4	37.0	11.5
Mathematics General 2 BDC	38.1	26.6	11.5
Economics	57.1	46.4	10.8
Music 2	100.0	91.4	8.6
Info Process & Technology	44.4	37.0	7.4
Software Design & Develop	42.9	36.9	5.9
English Extension 1	100.0	95.4	4.6
Mathematics Extension 1	83.7	79.6	4.1
Music Extension	100.0	96.0	4.0
Studies of Religion I	39.7	36.7	2.9
English (Advanced)	64.3	62.6	1.7

St Pius X College Course Means above State

Subject	St Pius X College	State	% above State mean
French Continuers	94.6	81.8	12.9
Mathematics Extension 2	94.0	81.4	12.6
Legal Studies	84.1	75.1	9.1
Engineering Studies	83.1	74.6	8.5
Biology	81.7	74.1	7.6
Studies of Religion II	82.0	74.6	7.4
Physics	80.5	73.2	7.3
French Beginners	81.8	74.6	7.2
Chemistry	81.2	74.8	6.4
Mathematics	83.6	78.2	5.4
Modern History	78.9	73.9	5.0
Mathematics General 2 BDC	74.6	69.9	4.7
Software Design & Develop	78.3	74.1	4.1
Info Process & Technology	77.4	73.3	4.1
Geography	78.2	74.7	3.5
Business Studies	76.8	73.6	3.2
Economics	79.1	76.3	2.8
English Extension 1	44.6	42.1	2.5
Ancient History	74.2	72.8	1.5
Music 2	88.9	87.6	1.3
Drama	78.8	77.7	1.1
Studies of Religion I	37.8	37.0	0.8
English (Standard)	69.0	68.7	0.3
English (Advanced)	80.9	80.6	0.3

Students who achieved a result in the Top Band in a course

Cooper Alan

Mathematics General 2

Jamie Aleporos

Business Studies Mathematics General 2 Studies of Religion II

Miguel Alvarez *

Mathematics

Daniel Aposhian

English (Advanced) English Extension 1 Modern History

Alexander Bain

Modern History History Extension

Nathan Bainv *

Mathematics
Mathematics Extension 1

Mackenzie Carrall

Mathematics

Jasper Choi

English (Advanced) English Extension 1 Legal Studies Modern History History Extension

Lachlan Chue *

Mathematics

Hunter Clarke

Biology
English (Advanced)
English Extension 1
Mathematics **
Mathematics Extension 1
Music 2
Studies of Religion

Thomas Courtney

Biology Mathematics Mathematics Extension 1

Harrison Crowe-Maxwell

Information Processes and Technology Software Design and Development

Jeremiah Cuachon *

Mathematics

Phillip Cullen

English (Advanced)
Mathematics
Mathematics Extension 1

Music 2

Music Extension Studies of Religion II French Continuers

Michael Currington

Biology
Chemistry
Mathematics Extension 1
Physics

Neil D'Silva *

Mathematics

Priyan De Silva

Mathematics General 2

Benjamin Di Tommaso

Mathematics Italian Beginners

Xavier Dimos *

Mathematics

Patrick Espiritu

Software Design and Development

Carl Fayad *

Mathematics

Thomas Findlay

History Extension

Cody Fisher-Peel

Biology Mathematics Software Design and Development

Isaac Fong

Business Studies
Economics
English (Advanced)
Studies of Religion II
Mathematics **
Mathematics Extension 1**

Connor Foung

English (Advanced) Legal Studies Modern History Studies of Religion I

Jordan Furlan

Mathematics Modern History History Extension

Jonathan Galarce *

Mathematics

Lachlan Gauci

Mathematics

Daniel Hall

English (Advanced)
English Extension 1
Physics
Studies of Religion I
Chinese Continuers
Mathematics **
Mathematics Extension 1**

Edwin Harjono

Ancient History

Christian Harris

Biology Business Studies English (Advanced) Mathematics Extension 1

Jeremy Harris

English (Advanced) Mathematics

Liam Hunt

Mathematics

Marco Iuliano

Design and Technology

Benjamin Johnson

Engineering Studies Mathematics Physics

Lachlan Kee *

Mathematics

Young Woong Ko *

Mathematics

Patrick Leahy

Ancient History English (Advanced) Mathematics History Extension

Angelo Lekopoulos *

Mathematics
Mathematics Extension 1

Daniel Liem

Mathematics

Jonathan Ling * Mathematics

Cameron Lorking *

Mathematics

Lachlan Lowick
Mathematics

John McKinnon *

Mathematics

Mathematics Extension 1

Jack Moran

Visual Arts

Louis Mosmann

Business Studies Studies of Religion I

Matthew Murphy

Mathematics

Stefan Naprta

Mathematics

Carlo Orbegoso-Jordan

English (Advanced) Modern History

Nikita Papastamatis

Biology

English (Advanced)
Legal Studies
Modern History
Studies of Religion II

Nicholas Parker

Studies of Religion I

Joshua Rayner

Economics
English (Advanced)
Physics
Studies of Religion II
Mathematics **
Mathematics Extension 1**

Robert Richey

Mathematics Extension 2

Macsen Rodrigues

Mathematics General 2

Marcus Rossetto

Chemistry Physics

Antony Shahinian *

Mathematics

Joshua Smith

English (Advanced) Legal Studies

Oliver Stewart

Mathematics

Nicholas Torresan

Mathematics General 2

Adrian Veldic

Studies of Religion I

Jake Watts

English (Advanced)
Mathematics
Studies of Religion II

Striving for Excellence –

Congratulations to the Class of 2018



2018 Dux Josh Rayner and St Pius X College Principal John Couani



Congratulations to our students who attained ATAR's over 90



Jasper Choi, First in NSW History Extension with History Coordinator Mr Pat Rodgers



Snowy Hike 2017



Year 12 Retreat Tallows Beach



Cooper Alan U19 Australian National Gridiron team



Harry (Harold) Drewitt-Smith NSW CIS Golf team



Hunter Clarke ENCORE Performer



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



R U OK? Day Dodgeball teams



Jack Moran Photography 'Salad Days' Nominated for ARTEXPRESS



James Spencer and Nikita Papastamatis Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awardees





