

# InProfile<sup>PIUS</sup>

Autumn 2020

**Bishop Randazzo calls us  
“to make a difference”  
at the Opening Mass**

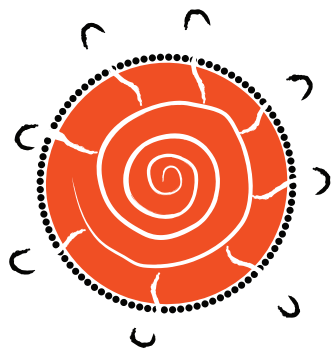


**ST PIUS X COLLEGE  
CHATSWOOD**

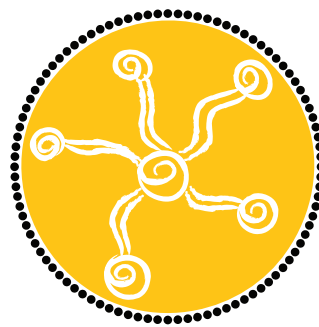


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LIBERATING EDUCATION



JUSTICE AND SOLIDARITY



GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY



INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

The students of St Pius X College acknowledge the Cammeraygal people as the traditional owners of the land on which we stand. We recognise the knowledge and wisdom of their leaders, past, present and emerging.

The EREA Charter Touchstones challenge the EREA community to strive for authenticity as Edmund Rice Communities. For EREA's first Congress in 2012, which was held on the lands of the Wurundjeri Peoples, Vicki Clark, Mutthi Mutthi Wemba Wamba, responded to the call of each Touchstone in the artwork represented above.



# PRINCIPAL'S *Welcome*



## Welcome to the first edition of Pius in Profile for 2020.

The College has made a strong start to 2020, while sharing in the many challenges faced by the country. Already we have seen fire and flood and the College community has been affected directly in some instances. We pray for all those affected by these tragic events, although the rain has been welcome across New South Wales and Australia.

Classes have commenced very well and we are most pleased with the new facilities in C Wing in particular. The new classroom layouts and facilities invite innovative, engaging classroom activities and have received very positive comments from staff and students.

We began the year by celebrating the achievements of our 2019 HSC class who produced the best overall results in decades. This magazine will give you an indication of the many reasons for pride in the achievements of all here at St Pius X College.

I am pleased to introduce our 2020 theme - *Strength through Support*, with the catchcry – "Pursue your Passion". This theme was chosen by the current student leadership team to guide the College's activities for 2020. The idea encourages all of us in the College community to find our passion in life then try to exert it to the utmost, utilising the support of others and contributing to the community.

The theme was officially launched at our commencement Mass on Tuesday 18 February. We were very grateful to have our newly installed Bishop the Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo celebrate this significant start to the College's Liturgical Calendar. We celebrate Mass regularly in the College. Gospel values underpin the existence and activities of all here.

Other parts of this magazine will highlight the many activities of the College: Academic results in both formal examinations and some of the many competitions available to schools; the exciting launch of our Science Club; educational tours; social justice initiatives; our P&F activities and personnel as well as teaching and learning and Founder's Day.

One innovation is the inclusion of a specific section highlighting ex-students. It is important that all members of the College community know that they are valued associates of the school long after they have graduated.

We look forward with great hope to the following year.

**John Couani**  
PRINCIPAL



*fide et labore,*  
THROUGH FAITH AND HARD WORK

LEADERS AND ACHIEVERS

A High Achiever's Insight

John McKinnon

College Dux ATAR 99.05

- » State rank - First in Chinese Beginners
- » Academic Excellence on Graduation
- » Represented the College in Music (College Silver), Tennis (College Blue) and Basketball
- » Peer Support Leader. Member of the Mindmatters Team and the Academic Leadership Team



Studying Actuarial Studies/Commerce at the University of New South Wales

What did you enjoy most about your time at St Pius X?  
St Pius X provided me with the opportunity to immerse myself in the numerous extra-curricular activities that the school provided. From sport teams to musical bands, all the activities

I participated in were led by extremely passionate and qualified individuals. These activities have enabled me to make many close friends and given me unforgettable memories.

My tips for getting good results and managing the HSC is to not stress too much about the details of Year 12, and participate in extra-curricular activities. A balance between intensive study periods and social activities will improve your mental wellbeing and ultimately results. This can be achieved through timetable planning, regular study intervals, extra-curricular commitments and ensuring you allow for “me-time”.

It is really important to know that you are not alone during the HSC. Another useful tip I used was exchanging past paper exams with my peers - another person’s unique insight into a topic may assist you in further improving your understanding of it.

Summary of HSC Results by ATAR

College Dux	John McKinnon ATAR 99.05
Top Achievers	John McKinnon - 1st in the State in Chinese Beginners
	Joshua Karabulut - 20th in the State in Business Studies
ATARs above 95	12
ATARs over 90	41
Distinguished Achievers	130 mentions in the Distinguished Achievers List*
Special Mentions	
Nominated for ENCORE	Nicholas Bendall
Nominated for OnSTAGE	Lachlan Donlevy, Nicholas McKenzie, Timothy McLachlan, Samuel Schyvens and John-Paul Shahady

\* Includes Year 11 Mathematics Accelerants



Congratulations to the High Achievers ATARS over 90



## 2020 Leaders' Investiture

On October 31, Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney and Fr Jim McKeon were the College's special guests at the Leadership Investiture at the Concourse. 2020 College Captain Lachlan Mathie announced the theme for 2020 STRENGTH THROUGH SUPPORT with the catchcry, "Pursue your Passion!" and explains this below: *The 2020 Leadership Team and entire Year 12 cohort have made it their mission, to lead by this year's theme of "Strength Through Support" and slogan "Pursue Your Passion". At St Pius X, we pride ourselves on our strong sense of community and believe that it is through this strength of being united as a community that we can empower others. This all-encompassing idea of encouraging the ones around us to follow and find their passions, is really the aim of this school year and is a legacy that we would hope can radiate through the culture in this college for many years to come.*



Leaders' Investiture at the Concourse



College Captain Lachlan Mathie announces the 2020 theme



New senior ties!

## 2020 College Leaders

Lachlan Mathie  
COLLEGE CAPTAINMichael Fakhoury  
COLLEGE VICE CAPTAINTyson McCallum  
COLLEGE VICE CAPTAINCameron Fernandopulle  
PREFECTDaniel Fileman  
PREFECTAdam Greenwood  
PREFECTDaniel Halverson  
PREFECTOliver Lenehan  
PREFECTLuke McManus  
PREFECTWilliam Oner  
PREFECTMatthew Starr  
PREFECTEthan Tat  
PREFECTHarrison Wallace  
PREFECTMatthew Weir  
PREFECTLouis Wellard  
PREFECTKiefer O'Brien  
BARRON HOUSE CAPTAINDuncan Dingley  
PURTON HOUSE CAPTAINSamuel Barrell  
RICE HOUSE CAPTAINWill Chen  
TREACY HOUSE CAPTAIN

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## MISSION AND IDENTITY



Bishop Randazzo delivering the homily



The Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo of Broken Bay Diocese, Fr Jim McKeon and College representatives at the St Pius X College Opening Mass. Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood.



Communion at the Opening Mass



The Bishop meets student leaders at morning tea after Mass

### "Make a Difference" Bishop's Homily at Opening Mass

The College's Opening Mass on Tuesday 18 February 2020 was a wonderful way to start the year. Mass was concelebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo and Fr Jim McKeon. College Principal, Mr John Couani and College Captain Lachlan Mathie took the oath of service for the year on behalf of Staff and Students. Bishop Randazzo delivered the homily and in part he told the assembled students that they were now "Disciples of Jesus" and in this capacity, "the church and society needs (them) to make a difference." After the

Mass Bishop Randazzo enjoyed getting to know students and staff at a morning tea at the College.

Bishop Randazzo is the fourth Bishop of Broken Bay, a diocese that covers much of Sydney's North Shore and the New South Wales Central Coast. Bishop Randazzo, who was an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Sydney, succeeded Archbishop Peter Comensoli, whose episcopacy in Broken Bay ended in July 2018 after he was appointed Archbishop of Melbourne.

Born in Sydney, Bishop Randazzo grew up in southeast Queensland and went on to study at the Pius XII Provincial Seminary and the University of Queensland. He was ordained a priest

for Brisbane Archdiocese in 1991. After parish and diocesan responsibilities in Brisbane, Bishop Randazzo moved to Rome, where he gained qualifications in canon law from the Pontifical Gregorian University. He later worked for five years at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Upon returning to Australia, Bishop Randazzo served as rector of Holy Spirit Seminary, which trains priests for the five dioceses of Queensland, before being appointed an auxiliary bishop for Sydney in 2016. He shared with the College that he enjoyed an Edmund Rice education in Queensland and gave a strong affirmation to the Christian Brothers.



### Supporting others

The many Social Justice programs on offer at the College provide valuable opportunities for students, staff and families to live out the famous saying of Blessed Edmund Rice, to "give to the poor in handfuls".

Through Founder's Day, Junior School Walkathon and Market Day, the College raised \$37,900 which was dispersed to help support our partners including Callan Services in Papua New Guinea, St Joseph's Walgett, St Mary's Bowraville, the Edmund Rice Centre, World Vision, Beyond Blue, St Gabriel's and St Edmunds. In addition to this, \$10,000 was raised for Project Compassion in Lent, as well as hamper and gift donations throughout the year. We thank everyone for their generous contributions to helping others during 2019.

### Christmas Hampers

Collections by Years 7 and 9 provided much welcomed hampers and presents for the families at St Mary's Bowraville, the Burdekin Association and the Bourke - Brewarrina - Louth Parish.

The Burdekin Association runs programs to support young Australians in the foster care system, single mothers and young people who need full-time or part-time care/assistance.

St Michael's Meals in Canterbury said: *"With your help we were able to*



The students at St Mary's Bowraville thanked the College for its support providing a painting "Let Your Light Shine" as a small token of their thanks.

*distribute 120 hampers to the needy on the streets of Sydney."*

For items collected and donated to St Anthony in the Fields they wrote: *"Dear St Pius X and all the wonderfully generous Year 9's. Thank you for your great big bag of goodies and for thinking of the people out west. It is truly appreciated."*

### Christmas at Willowood

*"The performance was OUTSTANDING! The choir of PIUS boys sounded beautiful and added a whole other level to this Christmas event. We are so grateful to all the choristers who made the effort to be there".*

Words of appreciation from the Willowood Aged Care Facility, Chatswood after being entertained

by a handful of dedicated Year 9 and 10 students who were full of energy, enthusiasm and love of what they do – giving to others! The audience was touched by the reflective words spoken between songs. By the time "Silent Night" was played there was not a dry eye in the house but only gestures of praise with loud clapping.

### Year 10 Immersions

December saw twenty-six Year 10 students participate in the College's annual immersion program. The Central Coast Immersion saw students working at Coast Shelter preparing lunch for those living in hardship. Students saw first-hand the disadvantage brought on by unemployment as well as drug and alcohol dependency. They then spent time at the Regional Youth Support Services based at Wyoming cleaning the outdoor facilities so that the children had a safe and welcoming place to play after school. The immersion concluded with a visit to The Glen, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre that helps young men rid their lives of their drug dependency. They heard firsthand the stories of how drug use had destroyed lives.



Collecting for Project Compassion



Year 7 Giving Tree



Bowraville Donations

### Staff Updates for 2020

The College welcomes the following new teaching and support staff in 2020

#### New Support staff

Mrs Janelle Arena – Canteen Manager (with Mrs Anna Coombs)

Mr Richard Camilleri – Science Laboratory Assistant

Mrs Lisa Sutton – Student Reception (with Mrs Hunt and Mrs Panozzo)

#### New Teaching Staff

Mr Sam Di Sano – RE and History

Mrs Emma Fryar – English

Mr Jim Hartnett – RE and History

Mr Daniel Quilty – English

Ms Leigha Zervakos - RE and HSIE

Mr Paul Taylor - Performing Arts

We also welcome back Mr Lacey and Mr Spedding following leave last year.

#### New Positions of Responsibility

Mrs Denise Ramsey – Year 9 Coordinator

Mr Greg Virgona – Year 7 Coordinator

Mr Paul Ticli – Year 11 Coordinator

Mr Benn McBrearty – Junior School Sports Master

Mr Simon Yue – Coordinator of Economics, Business Studies, Geography and Commerce

Mr Nate Primrose-Heaney – Ensemble Coordinator

Mr Stephen Cummins – Music Tuition Coordinator

Mr Anthony Timmins – Performing Arts Coordinator (commencing Week 5)

#### 2020 Year Co-ordinators

Year 7: Mr Greg Virgona

Year 8: Mr Phil Stollery

Year 9: Ms Denise Ramsey

Year 10: Mr Mark Pawlak

Year 11: Mr Paul Ticli

Year 12: Ms Donna Janes



New Staff 2020 (from left): Sam Di Sano, Jim Hartnett, Leigha Zervakos, Emma Fryar, Richard Camilleri, Daniel Quilty, Lisa Sutton, Janelle Arena and Paul Taylor

#### Staff Recognition

**Ms Donna Janes** 20+ Years Service

**Mr Sean Brannan** 20+ Years Service

**Mrs Marianne Erickson** who retired after 20 years as Canteen Manager

### 2019 EREA National Award

Assistant Principal Pastoral Care – Mr Brannan was presented with the EREA National Award for the Touchstone of Inclusive Community for his extraordinary service to Edmund Rice Education for the benefit of the students, families and staff of the College and the benefit of all the Edmund Rice Community.

Mr Brannan has been at the College for 20 years and exemplifies the College's commitment to a holistic education integrating faith with culture and learning.

He was acknowledged for his dedication and commitment to students at risk and in need, his

continual drive and generosity, and his commitment to inclusivity and social justice. Mr Brannan acknowledged the impact that the Christian Brothers had on him during his own school days whilst attending the College and said he dedicates his service in a similar way. Congratulations to Mr Brannan, a true community builder and inspirational leader.

### Science Club

Science Club was launched in 2020 and provides the opportunity for students to learn more advanced Science, get involved in fun experiments and activities and discover different branches of Science. Aimed primarily at Year 7 and 8 students, it runs at lunchtime every Thursday and some of the activities planned for 2020 include: Science experiments, scientific discussions about new and relevant discoveries, YouTube videos on scientific phenomena, scientific demonstrations and senior project showcases.



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### Chinese Language and Culture Immersion Tour

During the October holidays twenty-six students, accompanied by Mr and Mrs Couani, Mrs Lee and Ms Manga, travelled to Beijing, Xian and Shanghai to experience the Chinese language and culture. It was a wonderful time of the year to visit China, taking in the 70th Anniversary celebrations, which were proudly on display across the country.



Chinese Language and Culture Immersion Tour

### Education Perfect 2019 World Series Awards

The College took part in the annual Education Perfect 2019 World Series Language Championships. The competition was available to all Language students across Years 5-12 and saw 1,644 schools participating worldwide. Congratulations to the students who achieved the top awards:

<b>Emerald</b>	Andrew Guererra
<b>Gold and Silver</b>	Ethan Li
<b>Bronze</b>	Callum Mahura
	Jake Ormsby
	Charles Robson
<b>Credit Award</b>	Emerson Raphael
	Austin Lowick
	Tyson McCallum
	Samuel Walters
	Luke Thompson
	Jeremy Robson

### Australian National Chemistry Quiz (ANCQ)

Twenty-seven Year 11 students competed in the rigorous 2019 RACI Australian National Chemistry Quiz (ANCQ), with three receiving Distinctions (top 10-25% of students in

NSW) and four Credit (top 25-40% of students in NSW) certificates.

### Year 7 Science Adopt Koalas

After studying a chapter on Habitats and Interactions, Ms Ramsey's Year 7 Science classes were inspired to act during the recent bush fires in NSW and started a fundraiser to support the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital. The students fundraising enabled them to plant four eucalypt trees and adopt six adorable koalas including three badly injured ones: Lion Leo, Crescent head Jimmy and Balmoral Mini and three burnt koalas - Paul, Peter and Anwen.

### National Youth Science Forum

Congratulations to Cameron Fernandopulle and John McDonald who were accepted into the NYSF Year 12 program for 2020. This 12-day residential program provides students with a broader understanding of the diverse study and career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and aims to encourage continued studies in these fields. Cameron stayed at the University of Queensland along with two hundred other Year 12 students from across Australia and leaders in scientific research and communications. Participants visited science and technology related

laboratories and facilities, went on site tours, listened to lectures, took part in workshops and participated in group activities that improved their communication and presentation skills.

### Robotics First Lego League Competition

During November, ten Year 6 robotics club students attended the NSW First Lego League competition at Macquarie University. The students competed against twenty seven other teams from around the state. Challenges required programming an autonomous robot to complete a series of tasks in order to gain points. In addition, students had to present an Innovation Project to a panel of judges.



Robotics Competition



### Twilight Concert

#### *The Perfect Aussie Christmas*

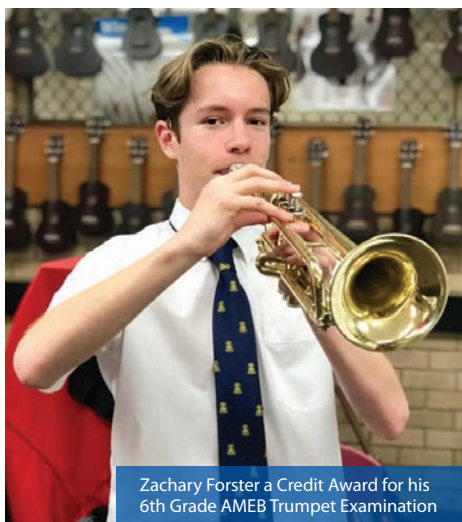
Lit by fairy lights, and united by a need to help out with the drought, approximately four hundred people joined St Pius X musicians, actors and dancers to celebrate Christmas's true purpose on Friday 29 November. With record crowds Pius families, Wise Men, Angels and Santa Claus gathered to sing songs, share the festive spirit and show solidarity to regional farmers at the annual Twilight at Christmas Concert. With poetry readings, dance, drama, singing, costumes, instrumental performances, face painting, gelato, and a PAPA BBQ, everyone enjoyed this community event. The newly elected 2020 Performing Arts Captain, William Turner and Vice Performing Arts Captains, Adam Hawthorne and Luke Galati were presented by Mr Couani and \$904 in donations was raised to help the drought-stricken community of St Joseph's Primary School, Walgett enjoy their Christmas.



Twilight Concert The Perfect Aussie Christmas

### Grade 6 AMEB Success

In addition to his stirring performance at the 2019 Remembrance Day Service, Zachary Forster achieved a Credit Award for his 6th Grade AMEB Trumpet Examination.



Zachary Forster a Credit Award for his 6th Grade AMEB Trumpet Examination



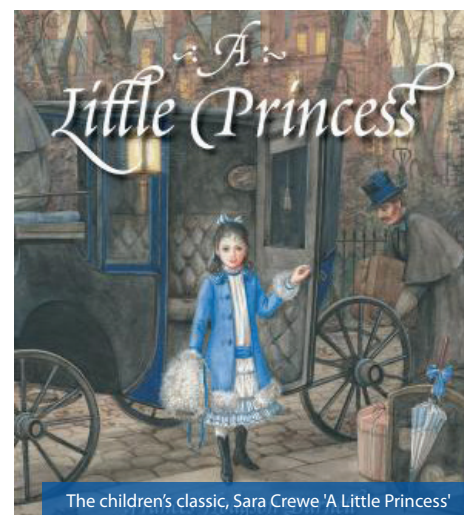
Ms Lindley and Ms Rawle energising the Twilight Concert

### 2020 Drama Performance

#### *A Little Princess*

The 2020 combined Mercy College and St Pius X College drama production is an adaptation of the much-loved children's classic, *Sara Crewe - A Little Princess*. Set in Victorian England, young Sara Crewe is sent by her wealthy father to a London boarding school, far from her home in British Colonial India. But a change in fortune brings Sara's life crashing down. A heart-warming story of love, loss and friendship. Save the Date!

**PERFORMANCE DATES are 16, 17, 18 June (Preview 15 June)**



The children's classic, Sara Crewe 'A Little Princess'



### Founder's Day

Each year the College gathers to celebrate Founder's Day at Oxford Falls. The day is a time to reflect, recognise and celebrate the year that has passed and is focused on building positive mental health through sharing the stories of others. In 2019 the College welcomed Johanna Griggs, Director of Beyond Blue who shared with students and staff the importance of positive mental health behaviours and working as a community to support each other. It was good to hear that her Father, Uncles and Brother are ex-students of St Pius X College!

### Pius Sets World Record!

During Founder's Day the College achieved a world record for the greatest number of people tying their shoelaces at the one time, spelling out SPX on Chaplin Oval.

### Remembrance Day

St Pius X College paused on Monday 11th November to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in war for Australia. Guest speaker, Mr David Lethbridge (completed his Intermediate Certificate in 1962), spoke of what ANZAC means for students today and how there are



many meanings to the "spirit of ANZAC". He served in Vietnam in 1968, aged 21, as part of the 32 Small Ships, a unit that supplied troops along the Mekong Delta and South China Sea.

The Ode was recited by Mrs Maria Barrett, the youngest sister of Jacob De Sisto. Jacob was a former student of St. Pius X who was killed in action in Bougainville in 1944. Zachary Forster of Year 11 played The Last Post and The Rouse.

### Mobile Phone Update

The College has amended its Mobile phone policy and all students must now put their phones in their locker when they arrive at school and only take them out when they leave school.

Junior School students are provided a designated Phone Locker in Home Rooms. If students are found with their phones during the day the phone will be taken from them and sent to the office where they can collect them at the end of the day. These students will receive a half hour detention and parents will be notified. Parents are requested to go through the College office during school hours if they require communication with their son.

### New College Mobile App.

The College has a new Mobile App to ensure parents and students stay up to date with all the latest news and notices. Available on the Apple or Google stores.



De Sisto Family at Remembrance Day. From left: Claudia Taranto, Jon D. Barrett, Maria Barrett (sister of Jacob), Margaret Tosatto (sister of Jacob), Raffaella 'Ela Taranto (sister of Jacob), Julia Taranto



Founder's Day featured a Presentation on mental health and resilience by media personality and Director of Beyond Blue Ms Johanna Griggs



## SPORT

### Swimming Carnivals

Purton took out the House Championship in the Senior Swimming Carnival held in February with Barron winning the Junior School Carnival.

Senior Carnival points:

<b>PURTON</b>	<b>1220</b>
<b>BARRON</b>	<b>1048</b>
<b>RICE</b>	<b>1033</b>
<b>TREACY</b>	<b>849</b>

### ISA Representatives

Congratulations to the following ISA Representative players:

**ISA 1st XI Cricket** - Joseph Colgan (Year 11) and Stuart Dingley (Year 12)

**ISA 1st V Basketball** - Michael Fakhoury (Year 12)

**ISA 2nd V Basketball** - George Pickering (Year 12)

**ISA Tennis** - Thomas Garrett (Year 9) and Riad Lahoud (Year 12)

### Ice Skating Champions

Congratulations to Lucas Wareham (Year 12) who became the Under 16 Age Champion at the Southeast Asian Open Short Track speed skating competition held in Singapore during January. This is the largest event in Southeast Asia and provides international competition experience for skaters in their preparation to qualify for the ISU World Junior Championships. Lucas came first in 1500m and 1000m speed skating races which made him overall points winner.

Congratulations also goes to Vicko Poon (Year 12) who is a member of the Australian Junior Short Track Team and competed at the Junior Short Track Speed Skating World Championship in Italy during January. He is currently ranked 38th in the World and we look forward to following his speed skating career.



House Captains at the Senior Swimming Carnival



Barron house wins the Junior Swimming Carnival



Nathaniel Panozzo (SPX 2017)



Lucas Wareham skating in Singapore

Vicko Poon Speed Skating World Championship

### Italian Rugby Union Star

Congratulations to Old Boy, Nathaniel Panozzo (Class of 2017), who has been selected for the Italian U20's Squad for the Six Nations Tournament.

Nathaniel is currently overseas playing with the Italian National Rugby Academy. He was College XV Rugby Captain, NSW Schoolboy and ISA representative, played for Gordon and a Sydney NRC representative before moving to play in Italy in 2019.

Nathaniel joins Michael Hooper and Luke Jones as recent Rugby internationals who played the game at St Pius X.

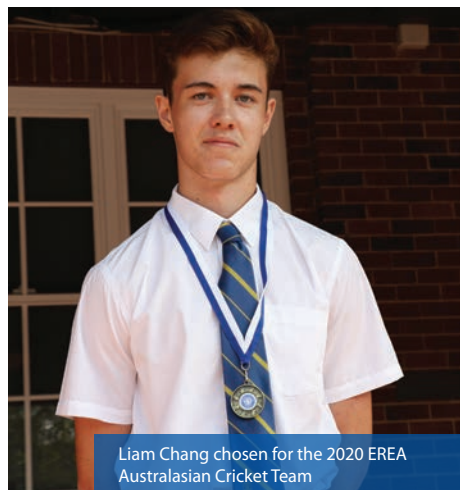


## Christian Brothers Cricket Week

Sixteen St Pius X students supported by 4 staff participated in the 40th annual Christian Brothers Cricket carnival during January at Nudgee College in Queensland. This bi-annual event sees Edmund Rice school teams from around Australia and New Zealand competing for the highly coveted cricket title. All schools were hosted by Christian Brothers St Joseph's Nudgee.

Congratulations go to Liam Chang (Year 11) who bowled his way into the combined 2020 EREA Australasian Team after the 40th Christian Brothers Cricket Week for his 7 wickets and 70 runs during the first four matches.

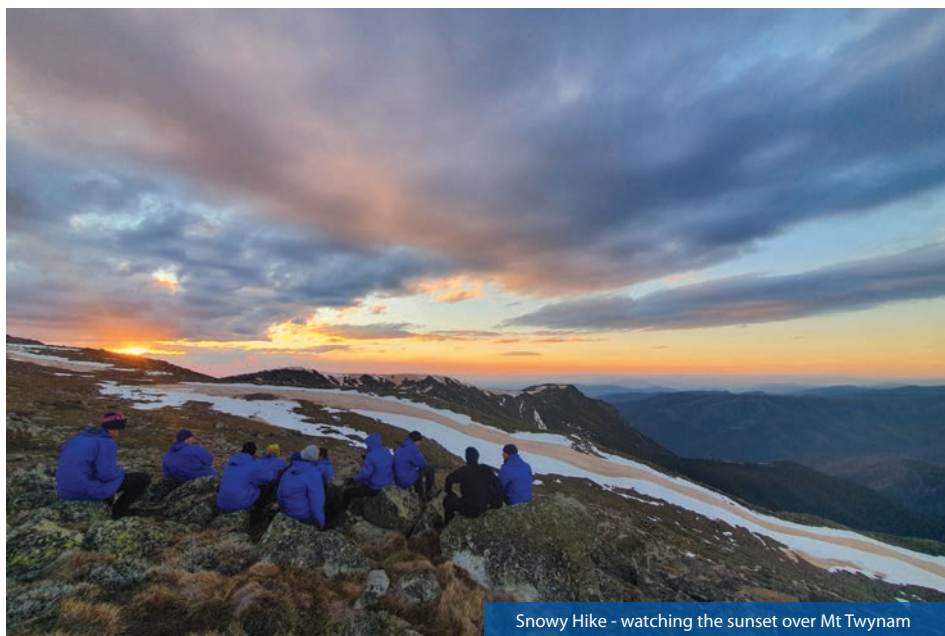
Congratulations also goes to Joe Colgan (Year 11) who has been selected in the NSW U16 State Challenge for Metro Thunder Cricket Squad.



Liam Chang chosen for the 2020 EREA Australasian Cricket Team

## State Gymnastic Champions

Congratulations to John Carroll (Year 7), Chris Dimos (Year 9) and Ciaran Lynch (Year 10) for their performances at the Junior State Gymnastics Championships held in October last year. John placed 1st Overall in the Level 6 Under Division, Chris placed 2nd in the Level 5 Open Division and Ciaran placed 2nd overall in the Level 6 Open Division.



Snowy Hike - watching the sunset over Mt Twynam

## Snowy Hike

Snowy Hike is a tradition at the College going back to 1983 in its current form. For the students it is about leadership, mateship, resilience and both personal and spiritual growth. Every student has their own unique experience and journey. 2019 was one of the largest expeditions yet with 67 students and 11 staff and leaders. The boys were fortunate to experience the beauty of the mountains before the bush fires devastated the area.

These events cannot take place without staff good-will so we would like to personally thank all the College staff and external leaders both Old Boys and others who made this expedition a reality.

## Kokoda

The bi-annual Kokoda Trek is in training now. This demanding hike follows the route of the famous World War II battle front.



Kokoda Practice Hike



Kevin Hunt at the Stuart Piano.

### Dr Kevin Hunt

Dr Kevin Hunt, who was at St Pius X College from 1971 to 1978, is now a lecturer at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. He is also one of the top jazz musicians in Australia. His musical career started first with his family (his father played organ at Our Lady of Dolours Church) then developed through his time at the College, which he recalls as being crucial in his musical development. He pays great tribute to the “incredible” Band Master at the time, Keith Kellett. (The Keith Kellett Award for Leading Band Member in Year 12 is named after him.)

According to Kevin, Kellett had great musical sense and gave key advice to his charges: “to relax and listen when you’re playing”. These were pioneering days for music at the College. The backbone to this development was the coordinator, John Sparkes, supported by many others, including Brother John Mooney, a Maths teacher and violinist who was instrumental in the development of the Brass Band.

Other standout teachers, Kevin recalls, included the irrepressible

Paul Flannagan, himself a performer and a talented teacher of English. Mrs Bronwyn Hessian taught Economics to Kevin at the College and has maintained a long friendship with him as her own career led to her eventually becoming an Inspector at the Board of Studies – where she worked with Kevin’s brother-in-law and fellow ex-student, Andrew Goodyear (SPX 1973).

The school had co-instruction with Mercy College in the 1970s. Kevin also recalls the “sweet” sound of young Sister Joan Doyle, who also accompanied the choir at the church.

Kevin maintains his passion for social justice through his work with the homeless and indigenous people in

the centre of Sydney through such programs as the Reconciliation Choir. Kevin shares this passion with his older brother, John, who left St Pius X in 1972 and returned as Board Chairman from 2006 to 2011.

Both John’s sons attended the College. Graham (SPX 2001) is now a musician and teacher while Brendan (SPX 2004) has just become a Qantas pilot.

Their other brother Bernard (SPX 1976) conducts a very successful wholesale nursery at Taree, which was badly damaged by fires in November 2019.

Kevin Hunt is not the only ex-student at the Conservatorium. Recent graduates Phil Cullen and Oliver Osborne are currently studying there. Kevin has returned to play at the College on occasion, the place where he first experienced the magic of communicating with an audience through music. His latest CD “Hothouse: Live 2018” was launched on Monday 3 February 2020. Amongst the audience was his Economics teacher, Bronwyn Hessian, still maintaining her interest in one of her favourite students from the College.

### RECOGNISING COLLEGE OLD BOYS

Tony Cunneen, Head of Publications at the College, interviewed and recorded these College Old Boy stories. If you are an Old Boy and interested in sharing your story please contact Tony Cunneen at the College:

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Phone **02 9411 4733**





Lesley Adams and David Bradley Remembrance Day 2019

## David Bradley

David Bradley has had a long association with the College. He started in Year 5 in 1945, at what was then called Christian Brothers Chatswood (CBC) in the last year of the Second World War, when many ex-students were serving overseas. He continued until the Leaving Class of 1951 – although health reasons led the family to enrol him in boarding school at St Patrick's College in Goulburn in 1948 and 1949.

David maintained a long association with the church and the College after he graduated. He and Austin Sheath were instrumental in starting the first Old Boys Union and organised the 25th Anniversary dinner in 1952. David maintained many friendships with the class of '51 and organised their 50th reunion in 2001. Another strong connection was his long friendship with the Brothers, especially the legendary Bernard Carter, College Headmaster from 1948 to 1953. Brother Carter was instrumental in establishing the College as a senior school by ensuring there were adequate facilities for Science Laboratories.

These were first established in old ex-army huts purchased for the school just after the Second World War. In addition, David has kept a strong association with church affairs through a long membership, covering some 60 Years, of the Knights of the Southern Cross.

David became a Chartered Accountant and had a long, and successful career specialising in Insolvency until ill health forced him to retire in 1983.

David has been a great supporter of the College attending many functions, particularly ANZAC and Remembrance Day ceremonies of recent years with his close family friend of many years standing Miss Lesley Adams. David's suggestion for a commemorative site to ex-students in the defence forces indicated his deep commitment to acknowledging the contribution of the College community in time of war.

Both David and Lesley were present at the 2019 Remembrance Day Ceremony and David was able to address the students about his association with the College.

## P&F

The P&F is an important part of the College and supports Music & Immersion programs, Sports club coaching & equipment, Robotics, the Boxercise program, Author workshops and capital works around the school such as the recent Canteen upgrade & new spectator seating at Oxford Falls. These projects enrich learning and offer students exposure to many activities and new friendships.

The P&F is a fantastic way to meet other parents and get involved in the College community. Activities include: BBQs, Trivia night, Committee and P&F meetings.

Updates are communicated via the P&F icon on the school APP & in the Woodchatta.

### P&F POSITIONS FOR 2020

**President** - Braelen Zwart  
**Vice President** - Angelo Guerrera  
**Secretary** - Sarah Gillard  
**Assistant Secretary** - Renee Sullivan  
**Treasurer** - Thomas Lau  
**Social Coordinators**  
 Louise Johnson & Roseanna Bennett  
**Communications Coordinator**  
 Julie Charlton  
**Class Parent Coordinator**  
 Cassie Buono

### Key Event Dates

**Open Day** - Saturday 14 March  
**Cocktail Party** - Friday 3 April  
**Mother's Day Breakfast** - Friday 8 May  
**Trivia Night** - Saturday 15 August  
**Father's Day Breakfast** - Friday 4 September  
**Years 5-6 Orientation Morning**  
 - Saturday 31 October

### P&F Meetings

Term 1	Monday 2 March
Term 2	Monday 11 May
Term 3	Monday 24 August
Term 4 AGM	Monday 2 November





Old Boys Jim Fitzgerald; David Lethbridge; Rodger Shanahan and Rod White OAM at Remembrance Day



Snowy Hike - morning Day One



Junior School Sports Day



Junior School First Day



Cultural Activity/Calligraphy on the China Immersion Tour



School Leaders with Bishop Randazzo



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