

Through Faith and Respect

SOCIAL JUSTICE
at St Pius X College



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CHATSWOOD



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Social Justice at St Pius X College Chatswood is embedded in ongoing and mutually rewarding service, partnerships and reconciliation programs as well as fundraising activities that give practical help and hope to those in need. The program gives a living reality to the Touchstones of Justice and Solidarity and Gospel values in particular. Through Social Justice students see the value of a living community sharing in a Liberating Education.

Every year the College community – students, staff and families – supports and stands in solidarity with those in need in our local community, across Australia and overseas.

SERVICE

Students at St Pius X College are active in the local community every week. Students from the Edmund Rice Society (ERS) visit Willowood Aged Care facility in Chatswood weekly and “sit and chat” with residents and perform occasional musical soirees. Senior students assist at the Matthew Talbot Hostel for Homeless Men where they serve dinner to guests.

Immersion experiences provide an opportunity for students and staff to serve our partner schools – helping in classrooms, acting as mentors and carrying out repairs and building projects. ERS leaders also attend Edmund Rice Camps as mentors.

In line with the teachings of Blessed Edmund Rice our Community Involvement Program (Edmund Rice Hours) for Years 10 and 11 enables students to serve the most vulnerable in our community.

PARTNERSHIPS

The College has a number of ongoing mutually rewarding partnerships with schools in Australia (fellow EREA schools St Edmund's Wahroonga, The Haven Terrigal and St Joseph's Geelong as well as St Mary's Bowraville and St Joseph's Walgett) and overseas (Callan Services PNG) and is a lead school for Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders.



Courage
Compassion
Action





"Give to the poor in handfuls"

Blessed Edmund Rice



The College actively supports social justice education and awareness initiatives including White Ribbon Day, RUOK? Day and National Day Against Violence and Bullying to encourage student awareness, understanding and action to address marginalisation and violence.

RECONCILIATION

The College believes in Indigenous Reconciliation and works for unity and solidarity with Indigenous people. We celebrate National Reconciliation Week annually. The College proudly displays its Reconciliation artwork from Indigenous artist Sean Ryan.

This artwork forms the basis of the College Touring Rugby, Basketball and Football uniforms. Immersions also provide an opportunity for students and staff to serve.

The College has a registered Reconciliation Action Plan with the Narragunnawalli Organisation in Canberra and is part of this national initiative to ensure we make every effort to be welcoming and respectful of our first nations history, heritage and culture.

FUNDRAISING

The College community, students, staff and families raise funds every year to support our partner schools, Catholic agencies and other charity organisations. Fundraising supports the Vinnie's Winter Appeal, 40 hour famine, Caritas, Callun Services PNG, Refugee Week, Liam Knight Foundation and partner schools around Australia and the world.

The annual Founder's Day Festival is a student led day of celebration, raising awareness of social justice issues and an important fundraiser.



Respect Faith

EDMUND RICE SOCIETY - "Giving Voice to the Voiceless"

The Edmund Rice Society is a voluntary group of students in Years 5 to 11 who work together to support the charism of Edmund Rice by giving practical help and hope to those in need.

Meeting weekly, Society members discuss and take action on a range of issues including youth mental health issues, asylum seekers and local community needs.



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