

PIUS InProfile



ST PIUS X COLLEGE
CHATSWOOD

*Back together again! The College community is energised
and ready for the year ahead.*

Autumn 2022





2022 Year Theme: Opportunity and Growth – Aspire to Inspire

Year 12 developed this theme in the context of the optimism and hope held for the coming school year. All members of the St Pius X community are invited to contribute positively to the ongoing story of the 85-year history of the College. The theme challenges all to bring a growth mindset and attitude of respect to the learning environment. To appreciate that community wellbeing underpins optimal learning and every interaction is an opportunity to enhance the wellbeing of the St Pius X community in a spirit of collaborative learning and teamwork.

2022 College Captain, Will Staber outlines the foundations and motivations of the student leadership team in developing the year theme.

After reflecting on the many disruptions of the past few years the student leadership team realised that above all else, we wanted to bring the community back to the things that make the College the incredible place it is. So, we chose a slogan to work together to achieve our potential: Aspire to Inspire

Opportunity provides growth and the student leadership team encourages every student to make the most of being at St Pius X where there are so many opportunities. We urge boys to not be limited by restrictive expectations that you might have of yourself or that you think others might have of you.

We know that we cannot control everything that happens to us, but we can control how we react. Making the most of our opportunities gives us the ability to grow and if we recognise when things perhaps haven't gone to plan, we can use this to become better, wiser, and stronger.

The time is now to become the leader, academic, sportsman or even friend that 'Aspires to Inspire' those around you. Express your ideas to anyone that you can because it's those ideas that drive schools like ours. Don't wish to be anything but what you are and try to be that perfectly.

Remember, it's the notes that you hit that will determine the sound of 2022 and it is you that now have the chance to turn ideas into reality, to chase your opportunities for all that they are worth.



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Principal's Welcome



Welcome to the first edition of Pius in Profile for 2022. It reflects the great recovery from the many challenges of 2021 and the strong start we have made to this year. A new group of student leaders have taken on the responsibility of their role and continue the great tradition of inspiring others in their endeavours. Indeed, their motto, "Opportunity and Growth" and the slogan "Aspire to Inspire" represent the extent to which they want to help others in our College community be all that they can.

While there has been much disruption to school life the College continues to be a vibrant, busy environment that is enjoying being back together again. The constant work of music rehearsals, boxercise and drama continue. The Junior Swimming Carnival defied the weather and went ahead. Debating has commenced as has Squash, Tennis, Basketball, Cricket and Swimming. The effort put into the training and preparation of these and other activities is obvious in these pages.

This magazine highlights the achievements of our students in the sporting, academic and cultural spheres of endeavour. The HSC results of 2021 were particularly pleasing as they came from a cohort that had to face more issues than any other. Their success is a tribute to their sense of community and strength of character. Of particular note is the emphasis in College life on issues of community well being and community service. If anything, the last two years have taught us the importance of being flexible and resilient in the face of unexpected challenges. The lessons learnt at school last for a lifetime. The stories of former students give an indication of how wide and varied the College community has become.

The new Learning Hub building on Anderson Street is well underway and this, coupled with the extensive refurbishment work undertaken around the College over the last couple of years, has fully utilised the building fund. So we would encourage families to please consider making a tax deductible contribution to the College Building Fund so that we can continue to improve the facilities at the College. Your generosity in donating will make a positive difference to the life and the learning environment of the College.

2021 was a year like no other but the College's resilience and strength rose to the occasion. We are optimistic about 2022 and the year has begun with great enthusiasm and energy. This magazine is a testament to the power of the Pius X community to maintain its mission to educate young men in all situations.

Mr John Couani
PRINCIPAL

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THROUGH FAITH AND HARD WORK



1st in State

Max Leo
(Year 11 Accelerant)
Mathematics Advanced



High Achievers

Congratulations to the 2021 College Dux, James Scaiff, with the excellent ATAR of 99.40. Six students achieved an ATAR above 98 and over 25% of the cohort attained ATARs above 90. Overall, there were five boys in the Top All Rounders List.

Max Leo, an accelerant student in Year 11 (now Year 12), achieved First Place in New South Wales in Mathematics Advanced. In addition, Thomas Cooper ranked seventh in the state for Industrial Technology. Several students were nominated for ENCORE and OnSTAGE in the Performing Arts, and another for SHAPE in Design and Technology.

Summary of 2021 HSC Results

College Dux	James Scaiff ATAR 99.40
All Rounders (attained Band 6 in 10 or more units)	Angelo Fernando, Thomas Hopkins, Joshua Jones, James Scaiff and Thomas Van Dijk (RIP)
ATARs above 95	16
ATARs over 90	33
Distinguished Achievers	119 mentions in the Distinguished Achievers 56 students achieved top band in a course List *Distinguished Achievers
Special Mentions 1st in State for Advanced Mathematics 7th in State for Industrial Technology Nominated for OnSTAGE Nominated for ENCORE Nominated for SHAPE Nominated for InTech	Max Leo (Year 11 Accelerant) Thomas Cooper Alec Ramsbottom in Drama Ben Giles in Music Reece Williams in Design and Technology Thomas Cooper in Industrial Technology

* Includes Year 11 Mathematics Accelerants

James Scaiff – 2021 College Dux Insight

ATAR 99.40 and HSC All Rounder

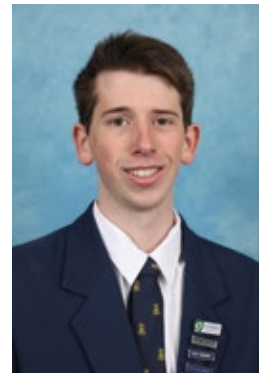
Throughout my time at St Pius X, I enjoyed the diverse opportunities that the school offered. This included my involvement in band and debating, the opportunity to learn Mandarin and go on the 2019 China Tour.

St Pius X provided me with the chance to achieve my academic and personal goals, supported by committed and passionate teachers and caring community.

My tips for getting good results and managing the HSC are to choose subjects that you enjoy, set achievable goals when studying and focus on achieving them. Use all available resources and ask teachers and peers for help when struggling with content.

James is studying a Bachelor of Engineering (Photovoltaics) at UNSW

- College Blue for Academic Studies
- Academic Honours
- Represented the College in Debating (College Silver), Football and Music (College Silver)
- Peer Support Leader



2021 Major Award Recipients



Academic Awards Ceremony

The Academic Awards Ceremony was held at Oxford Falls on 22 February and live-streamed to the wider community. It was the first time in a very long time that parents could attend, and along with students, enjoyed the entertaining musical performances from the Senior Jazz Band. The 2021 HSC High Achievers returned and the community celebrated and congratulated them for their magnificent results in what was definitely a challenging time.

The 2021 Dux, James Scaiff, spoke profoundly about how different 2020 and 2021 were for everyone, and that his approach was to focus on what he could control rather than what he couldn't control. James thanked his teachers and fellow classmates and again showed his humble maturity in his success.

Students from Years 8 – 11 were recognised with Academic Awards from Semester 2, 2021.

The following Awards for Semester 2, 2021 were presented

Awards presented to 179 Students (Years 7-10): 40 Year 7, 42 Year 8, 47 Year 9, 39 Year 10 and 11 Year 11

18 Academic Excellence, 9 Academic Honours, 4 Academic Honours First Class (Year 11)

53 Growth in Learning Awards (Years 7 – 10)

84 Waterford Awards (Years 7 – 11)

24 Blue Academic Colour Awards

7 Silver Academic Colour Awards

5 Gold Academic Colour Awards



Top Class of 2021 High Achievers. **Second** Year 7 2021 Academic Recipients. **Third** Year 8 2021 Academic Award Recipients. **Bottom** Year 9 2021 Academic Award Recipients.

New Fide Record Holder

Benjamin Cullen was awarded the Academic Gold Colour Award at the recent Awards ceremony. He has now topped the St Pius X College Fide Order of Merit list which has been going since 2014. Ben has received the most Gold fides of any student at St Pius X! Fide awards are presented to students from Years 7 - 10 and during this time Ben received 63 Fides with 47 Gold and 16 Silvers. Gold is awarded for first in a subject and Silver for top 5% in a course.

Ben started in Year 7, coming from St Agatha's Primary School and has been actively involved in all aspects of College life. He has participated in Debating, Football, Basketball, Drama (was 'Young Pip' in St Pius X's 'Great Expectations'), Public Speaking, Leader of Year 9, 10 and 11 Student Empowerment Teams, Maths Accelerant, Buddy in the Mentoring Program, Junior School Robotics Coach, Senior School Robotics, Bronze Duke of Ed Recipient, Peer Support, Reconciliation Action Plan Team Member, Red Dirt Immersion (2019), Outdoor Education Participant, Theatresports (2017), Da Vinci Decathlon, Write a Book in a Day, Volunteer at Willowood Nursing Home, Volunteer at Our Lady of Dolour's Maths Mentals Sessions before school, Representative at 2020 Model UN "Evatt Conference", 2019 Year 9 NSW Winner of National History Challenge. He is the College Vice Captain, an Edmund Rice Society Leader and Eucharistic Minister.



Top Benjamin Cullen. **Above** Andrew Guerrero with Mr Brad Van Dijk.

Thomas Van Dijk Scholarship

Congratulations to Andrew Guerrero, the recipient of the Thomas Van Dijk Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a Year 11 student for contribution to the life of the College. This student demonstrates a high academic capacity in all his subjects including an interest in Science. In addition they demonstrate an all-round involvement in College life in such areas as sport, music, the performing arts and include an involvement in the pastoral wellbeing of other students and overall service.

Below Gold Colour Awardees. **Bottom left** Year 10 2021 Academic Award Recipients. **Bottom right** Year 12 2021 Academic Award Recipients.



Brilliant Young Writers and Illustrators

Congratulations to the 2021 Year 5 and 6 students who had their stories and illustrations published in the Willoughby City Council publication "Did you get my message?" This compilation of short stories and artworks are part of the Wildlife Storybook series. Congratulations to Oliver Ibrahim, Toby Wilson, Hamish Sullivan and Ryan East on their stories and illustrations about Jumping Spiders!

Premier's Reading Challenge Medallists

Congratulations to Cameron Masters, Harry Feehan, Jonathan Hartry, Liam Boswell, Samuel Cummins and Samuel Hollinger who were awarded the prestigious Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) Medal in February. This is the highest award in the PRC and recognises the outstanding commitment to reading by completing the Challenge every year from Year 3 to Year 9 (2015 - 2021). What makes this achievement even more remarkable is that state-wide, less than 1% of students who start the challenge complete it.

Year 10 2021 Major Award Recipients

Congratulations to:

- Aaron Lau - Caltex Best All Rounder Award
- Nicolas Arena - ADF Innovation Award
- Eamon Boyle - ADF 'Long Tan' Award for teamwork and leadership
- Darcy Keenylside - Academic Excellence Award Dux of Year Ten
- Mitchell McGrath - Paul Richmond Award for Academic and Community Involvement in the Life of the College

2021 Edmund Rice Readers Cup

Congratulations to Rice House who took out the prestigious 2021 Edmund Rice Readers' Cup. Year 10 champion readers were congratulated at their Year assembly with a Book Voucher.

The overall cup winner was Lucas Wong who, on average, borrows 600 books every year! The top five champion readers (pictured) as well as readers who read books totalling 90 points or more were treated to a lunch at the Westfield Food Court. Well done to all those who participated.



Top left Willoughby City Council Young writers and illustrators. **Top right** Premier's Reader Medallists. **Bottom left** Year 10 Major Award Recipients. **Bottom right** Year 10 Edmund Rice Readers Cup Champions.

2022 College Leaders

Leaders Investiture

The 2022 leaders were formally invested during Term 4, 2021. The event was live streamed to the St Pius X community. Father Ranson blessed the students and College Captain William Staber delivered an inspiring address and announced the 2022 College Motto of: "Opportunity and Growth. Aspire to Inspire". The logo was designed by student Rufus Ashford and will be featured throughout the year. The Class of 2022 received their Year 12 ties and pledged to provide Christian leadership and uphold the traditions and values of the College through their Faith and Hard Work.



2022 Student Leadership Team with Mr Couani, Ms Janes and Fr Ranson.

2022 College Leaders



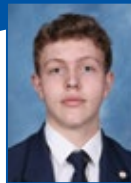
William Staber
COLLEGE CAPTAIN



Ronan Crispe
COLLEGE VICE CAPTAIN



Benjamin Cullen
COLLEGE VICE CAPTAIN



Franklin Clayton
PREFECT



Alexander Hawkins
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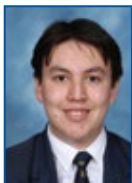
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Andrew Guerrero
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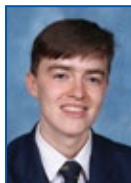
Nathan McAdam
PREFECT



Andrew McKinnon
PREFECT



Anthony Elliott
PREFECT



Max Leo
PREFECT



William Ramsbottom
PREFECT



Cody Choi
PREFECT



Elliot Cook
PREFECT



Christopher Zilifian
PREFECT



Ethan Rossetto
BARRON
HOUSE CAPTAIN



Harrison Melloy
PURTON
HOUSE CAPTAIN



Harrison O'Brien
RICE
HOUSE CAPTAIN



Oliver Aylmer
TREACY
HOUSE CAPTAIN

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Mission and Identity



Commencement Mass

On Tuesday 22 February the entire College celebrated the beginning of the 85th year with an Opening Mass at Oxford Falls. Bishop Peter Ingham (Old Boy Class of 1957) delivered an inspirational homily.

He explained that if we cannot do an action to help ourselves, then we ought to do an action that assists others. Linking in with the 2022 year theme he encouraged all that “we should aspire to inspire, before we expire.”

Portrait of Blessed Edmund Rice

Mr Steve Todd, former Principal of MacKillop College, Warnervale painted a very powerful and reflective portrait of Blessed Edmund Rice for St Pius X College. The portrait will be hung in the College Chapel.



Top left Commencement Mass Official party. **Top right** College Captain, Will Staber, presenting the Gospel. **Bottom** Mr Todd and Mr Couani.

Year 10 Eucharistic Ministers

During November 2021, Our Lady of Dolours Parish Priest Fr David Ranson trained and commissioned a group of Year 10 students as Eucharistic Ministers. Congratulations to Evan Ausling, Marco Balverde, Joshua Bewley, Eamon Boyle, Tom Connaghan, David Giles, Jamie Leong, Jack Lonergan, Christian Moore and Cavan Ryan.

The boys learnt about the significance of the Eucharist in the lives of Catholics as well as the intricate understandings of the ritual. Fr David provided details about the theology of the Eucharist, including historical context and understanding of our modern practice. The highlight of the day was the opportunity to celebrate Mass around the altar, which provided a fitting conclusion to such a faith filled and faith formation occasion.



Social Justice

Remembrance Day

Year 11 History Students led the College in a moving Commemoration Ceremony, streamed online. The College was also represented at the Chatswood Garden of Remembrance by College Vice Captain Ronan Crispe and Learning Prefect Elliot Cook who joined student leaders from Mercy College, Chatswood and Willoughby Girls High Schools as well as Fr David Ranson, Mercy Principal Mrs Brenda Timp and School Captain Olivia Hester, Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney, State Member for Willoughby Ms Gladys Berejikian, and Chatswood RSL President Barney Flanagan OAM, in honouring the fallen.

The Performing Arts Parents Association is currently raising funds to purchase a bugle for use at future Remembrance Day ceremonies as the College currently only has trumpets. If you would like to support this fundraising appeal, see page 18.

White Ribbon Day

During November the 2022 Mission and Identity Prefects led an awareness-raising assembly about White Ribbon Day. Special online guest, Ms Catherine Knox from the Hornsby Women's Shelter, spoke to the school about the issues of violence towards women and inspired them to be part of the solution through their actions, awareness and speaking out. Year 5 and 6 students made the white ribbons and listed the significant women in their lives on the ribbon.

Christmas Appeal

The 2021 Christmas Appeal was another great success with the St Pius X College community supporting St Vincent de Paul Woy Woy, St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Bowraville, Terrey Hills Parish Catholic Care, The Burdekin Association, Centacare and St Michael's Meals.

Centacare, run by Catholic Care, provides meaningful employment to adults who have a severe intellectual disability. Year 10 students ensured that each employee received a personalised Christmas present and enjoyed their Christmas party.

Top Remembrance Day commemorations at the Chatswood Garden of Remembrance. **Second** Year 11 History Students lead the College Remembrance Day Assembly. **Third** 2022 Mission and Identity Prefects lead the White Ribbon Day Assembly. **Bottom** Centacare workers receiving Christmas presents.





Student Ambassadors

The annual Christmas giving program saw student ambassadors delivering gifts and engaging with the communities the College supports. Delivering gifts to St Mary's Primary in Bowraville turned into a 'mini immersion' with Year 10 and 11 students and teachers enjoying time on Gumbayngirr country at Bowraville, Scotts Head and Nambucca.

Meanwhile College Captain Will Staber, Year 9 student Orlando Domenici along with Year 5 students, Oliver Ryder and Joseph Wilson, represented the College at the St Anthony's Terrey Hills Church Hamper Mass to bless the Hampers which were subsequently delivered to needy families by Mr Di Sano, and student leaders Elliot Cook and Will Ramsbottom.

Our Lady of Dolours Parish Youth Group for young people living with disability held a Christmas gathering at which student leaders Cody Choi, Chris Zilifian, Andrew Guerrera along with Alfie Wragge of Year 8 assisted by cooking a BBQ and engaging in games and conversation with the Youth Group and their families at the Parish Centre.

All these students were great examples and ambassadors for the ongoing initiatives conducted by the St Pius X Community in support of important contemporary social priorities.



Top Mr Sean Brannan, Mr Mark Smith, Aboriginal Educator, St Pius X College RAP students: Declan Carroll, Aaron Lau, Patrick Frost, Mr Phil Stollery (Year 9 Coordinator), Luke Sissons, Dominic Mitchell, and Ms Tameeka Glass Assistant Principal St Marys Bowraville, Mr Scott Steinman (Year 7 Coordinator) in Bowraville.
Middle and bottom Christmas Appeal 2021.

Back Together





Student Wellbeing

November

Each year the College proudly supports Movember where issues around Men's Health, both physical and mental, are discussed and highlighted. Last November also saw students and female staff getting involved to support this worthy cause. Students could commit to running or walking 60kms over the month, male parents and staff could opt to 'grow a mo' and female staff members raised money by being a 'Mo-Sister' and participating to 30 days of fitness or supporting men's health in other ways. Congratulations to our staff and students for participating, once again, in this very important event.

International Women's Day

Despite the rain, the College celebrated International Women's Day on 8 March with an online assembly featuring special guests from Mercy College: Principal Ms Brenda Timp and Year 10 student leaders. A panel discussion including College staff and Mercy students highlighted the role of

influential women in our community and provided insight and advice on how together we can all play a part in forging women's equality. College Principal Mr John Couani and Mrs Timp also addressed the assembly.

Willoughby Men's Shed

2021 Year 12 Industrial Technology students Oliver Aylmer and Logan Nicey and TAS Teacher, Mr Mendez presented a plaque of appreciation to Willoughby Community Men's Shed. Over the past few years the Men's Shed has provided guidance, assistance, and support to Pius X students in the form of sharing resources, time, making specialised equipment available to help students with their HSC Major Projects.

The Men's Shed is a special place that helps men of all ages tackle the issue of mental health by using craftsmanship and a workshop environment to bring men together to share their stories and create great interest projects at the same time.



Top left Wellbeing prefects Alex Hawkins, Franklin Clayton and James Shahinian 'Mo up' for Movember. **Top right** Staff participation for November 2021. **Bottom left** International Women's Day. **Bottom right** Oliver Aylmer and Logan Nicey present a plaque of appreciation to the Willoughby Men's Shed.



Year 7 Induction

An important component of the Pastoral Care program is instilling within all members of the school community a sense of connection to the College story. Year 7 spent a day in the bush at Oxford Falls to share the story of the College founder, Blessed Edmund Rice, and consider their own story as they begin their journey together and develop into our HSC Class of 2027.

Activities included an acknowledgment of Cammeraygal heritage and culture, a drum circle by middle creek to connect the group in reflective action, learning about St Pius X as a global Edmund Rice School from Br Carl Sherrin (Class of 1953), engaging in community building activities with Counsellor Mr Rick Russo, exploring and understanding the social justice outreach actions of the school to “those on the margins” and connecting with their peers in a different and relaxed setting.



Edmund Rice Hours

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 participate in social outreach initiatives called “Eddie Rice Hours”. Students volunteer to work in the community helping those in need, in many cases those who exist on the margins. This program is more than simply volunteering. It is an undertaking to emulate the work of, and bring to life, the spirituality of Blessed Edmund Rice, someone who worked with those on the margins.

Weekly visits to the Matthew Talbot Hostel re-commenced this year with a group of students volunteering to work in the homeless shelter for men. The hostel is located in Woolloomooloo. Students travel there after school to serve evening meals and clean-up afterwards.

Other volunteering opportunities include the Solidarity Program at Centacare who provide meaningful employment for adults with severe intellectual disabilities.



Facilities Update



B Wing Refurbished

The College has been undertaking substantial investment in upgrading facilities over the past two years as part of its commitment to providing holistic, innovative and liberating educational opportunities. The original classrooms in B Wing, adjacent to Kirk Street have now been completely refurbished to align with the contemporary style of A and C Wings. The renovations include air conditioning, new doors, new windows which enhance natural lighting and partition walls which allow a more versatile use of space. This major refurbishment reflects the latest research showing the value of dynamic, flexible spaces in promoting positive learning experiences. The project was completed within budget for the start of the academic year in 2022. The total cost of the refurbishment was approximately \$1.5m of which 40% has been funded from the College Building Fund.



Podium Makeover

The podium was also extensively updated as part of the recent building works including new tiling, ceilings and non-slip stairs.

Yard Updates

The covered sports pavilion in the centre of the playground has been demolished and is being replaced with a new Plexipave acrylic latex sports surface outdoor basketball training area along with sandstone seating area and landscaped garden beds. This new open area will provide additional playground space and will be ready late March 2022. Signage has also been updated around both the Chatswood and Oxford Falls campuses as part of ongoing maintenance and updates to new learning spaces.



New Learning Hub on Anderson Street

Work is progressing well on the new 8 classroom Learning Hub on 39-41 Anderson Street despite the weather not always going to plan. At this stage and with weather permitting the hope is the new space will be ready to welcome staff and students early 2023.

MacDonald Gym – Oxford Falls

The wooden playing surface at the MacDonald Gym has been sanded and treated along with new line markings and a College crest in the centre circle.

Building Fund

With the new Learning Hub underway, coupled with the extensive refurbishment work undertaken over the last couple of years the school building fund has been fully utilised. We would encourage families to please consider making a tax deductible contribution to the College Building Fund so that we can continue to improve the facilities at the College. Your generosity in donating will make a positive difference to the life and the learning environment of the College.



Top New MacDonald Gym flooring. **Second** Updated podium in use by the St Pius X Intermediate Band. **Third** Yard work in progress. **Bottom** New Learning Hub side view.

Staffing Update



New Staff

Following a significant number of retirements and movement last year, we are delighted to introduce our new staff for 2022.

Mr Dennis Lee, Visual Arts; RE; Year 9 Pastoral Care Team

Ms Samantha Hood, Mathematics; Year 10 Pastoral Care Team

Ms Laura Barwick, Science; Year 9 Pastoral Care Team

Mr Johnathon Dobb, History; EGBC; Year 9 Pastoral Care Team

Mrs Jill Greenwood, Head of Junior School; Member of Leadership Team

Ms Carolyn Scott, English; Year 7 Pastoral Care Team

Mr Mario Phaesie, LOTE; Year 8 Pastoral Care Team

Mr Martin Gillogly, Year 9 Coordinator; PDHPE; RE

Ms Antonella Schiller, Diverse Learning - Junior School

Mr Antonio Morris, Junior School Teacher

Other changes and responsibilities

We also congratulate our current staff who are taking on positions of responsibility or new roles next year:

Mr Ed Codsí, Human Resources and Compliance Coordinator

Mr Glenn Carroll, Junior School Sports Coordinator

Mr Greg Virgona, PDHPE Coordinator

Ms Frances Doyle, Visual Arts Coordinator

Mr Daniel Quilty, Literacy Coordinator

Ms Felicity van Riet, Professional Learning Coordinator

Mr Michael Simpson, TAS Teacher

Long Serving Staff Members

Congratulations to the following staff recognised for their long service to St Pius X College.

For 20 years or more: Mrs Jane Higgins, Mr Geoff Power, Mr Philip Stollery and Mr Stuart Spedding.

Retirements

Br Carl Sherrin, Archivist

Brother Carl has been with the College for the past 8 years working in archives. He attended St Pius X College as a young boy and returned as the archivist and participated in many special events throughout the years. Br Carl will be enjoying a well-deserved retirement and we wish him all the best and thank him for his years of service not only to the College, but also to the Christian Brothers community.

Mr Nick Carson, Business Manager

Mr Nick Carson will retire at the end of Term 1 2022. He has made a significant contribution to the leadership of the College and his stewardship of the College's finances and resources has been outstanding. He is leaving the financial position of the College in very good order.

Nick began at the College as Business Manager in 2016 following a very successful career in business and finance. His love for the school commenced when he was a student in the 1970s and early 1980s. Nick will always remain a member of the College Old Boys' Association.

Co-curricular



Harry Potter World Beijing

Will Turner (Class of 2020) was the Performing Arts Captain and has been completing a musical theatre course at Brent St. He has secured his first professional performance contract at Harry Potter World in Beijing. He will be playing a part in the frog choir. It's a 13-month contract and a huge foot in the door. Congratulations and best of luck, Will.

Left Stills from Will's 2020 St Pius X HSC Drama performance.



Back in Action

It has been great for the performing arts students to be able to sing, dance and perform together again. Live performances are a key to learning and creating the magic that happens. Students are busy preparing for the upcoming Concert.



85th ANNIVERSARY 1937-2022 Concert

The 85th Anniversary Performing Arts Concert will be held on 17 May at the Concourse. The evening event will feature music ensembles, singing and drama performances.

It will be a fantastic event and a well overdue opportunity for the performing arts students to again showcase their talents to a live audience.

Tickets will be on sale Term 2.

We need a Bugle!

The Last Post is the bugle call that signifies the end of the day's activities and is sounded at military funerals to indicate that the soldier has gone to his final rest and at commemorative services such as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day.

The Performing Arts Parents Association is raising funds to purchase a bugle to be used at the College Anzac Day and Remembrance Day commemoration assemblies.

If you would like to support this fundraising appeal, please scan the QR code or go to the website to donate.



Sport

Junior School Swimming Carnival

The Junior School managed to complete their Swimming Carnival during February. While the weather wasn't perfect, the students made the most of the opportunity to get outside and compete for their House. Congratulations to Treacy House, who narrowly edged out Rice to win the Junior Swimming Carnival for 2022.



NSW State Relay Champion

Congratulations to James Patchett Year 8 who competed in the NSW State Relays during Term 4. His team won the Under 14 Men's 4 x 100m relay in very wet conditions.

CIS Swimming Representative

Congratulations to Nicholas Gladen Year 10 who qualified for the Nationals Swimming Carnival, which unfortunately was cancelled due to COVID-19. Nicholas represented the CIS at the All Schools Swimming Carnival held last year. He swam extremely well coming 2nd in 50m Backstroke, 4th in 100m Backstroke and 7th in 50m Freestyle.

Left Junior House Captains. **Bottom left** Junior School Age champions. **Bottom middle** James Patchett. **Bottom right** Nicholas Gladen.



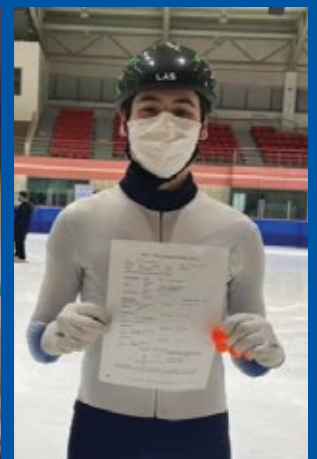
Old Boys Success

World Rugby Star

Michael Hooper (Class of 2009) nominated for World Rugby Men's 15s Player of the Year 2021. The four nominees were: Michael Hooper (AUS), Maro Itoje (ENG), Samu Kerevi (AUS) with Antoine Dupont (FR) taking home the honour.

Speed Skating Champion

Congratulations to Lucas Wareham (Class of 2020) who has been selected for the 2022 ISU Junior World Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Gdansk, Poland.



College Community



Liam Vinci Memorial tribute

Following the tragic passing of former student Liam Vinci (Class of 2020) in a car accident last October, the St Pius X 1st XI Football squad conducted a reflection and respected a minute's silence before their Trial match against Forest Killarney Football Club on 6 February at Oxford Falls. Liam was an excellent student who played 1st XI Football, Cricket and Rugby at St Pius X and his family remain in our heartfelt thoughts and prayers. Vale Liam Vinci

RYPEN Rotary Youth Leadership Program of Enrichment

Congratulations to Year 10 students Michael Krizan and Chris Mander who were highly acclaimed for their intensive commitment and participation in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program online. The boys attended the 2022 RYPEN summer camp online with students from across the Greater Sydney Area for an intensive leadership weekend. It was filled with team building exercises, games practicing leadership styles and developing social skills. The boys connected with various schools, made new friends and became more confident in their leadership skills. Thanks to the Roseville-Chatswood Rotary Club for sponsoring them.

Old Boys Association

Save the date, Annual Old Boys Dinner 9 September 2022 at Chatswood Business Club.

Key P&F Dates

P&F Meetings	Social Event Dates
Term 2 - 9 May	1 April - Cocktail Party
Term 3 - 15 August	6 May - Mother's Day Breakfast
Term 4 AGM - 31 October	10 June - Staff Thank You Breakfast
	2 September - Father's Day Breakfast
	10 September - Trivia Night



Australia Day Honours 2022

Congratulations to the following members of our Community:

Mrs Adrienne Lowe OAM was recognised for her services to Surf Life Saving Australia Education. Mrs Lowe is the long standing Senior First Aid Officer at Oxford Falls Saturday Sport.

Joseph Rizk OAM was recognised for significant service to the not-for-profit sector, and to banking and commerce. He has strong ties to the College community as his sons and nephews attended the College, and his wife, Maureen has worked here as an HSC supervisor.

The Honourable Justice Michael John Slattery AM for his significant service to the law, to the judiciary and to professional legal associations. He attended Junior School at the College and has maintained strong ties with the HSC Class of 1971.



Lights, Camera, Pius!

It was another great year of film entries in 2021 with many of the students creating their masterpieces at home during lockdown. Some of the films featured family members. Well done and thanks to the sisters and mothers who gave their time.

Judging was tough and thanks to the judges Mr Mark Anderson and Miss Felicity van Riet.

Winners of Lights, Camera, Pius! Film Festival

Years 5 - 8 First Prize Jake Swan Year 6 'I'm So Glad'

Runner Up Matthew Sissons Year 8 'The Light'

Years 9 - 11 First Prize Xavier Domenici Year 10 'Body Rush'

Runner Up Josh Squires Year 11 'The Interrogation'

The Hitchcock Award Winner Michael Krizan Year 9 'The Intruder'

Artistic Film Award Winner Caleb Hanrahan Year 10 'Heroes'

St Pius X Celebrates 'The Year of the Tiger'

The College celebrated Chinese New Year commencing with a College Assembly led by Senior students and Year 5. The message was one of peace and harmony. The students were very impressive in their mastery of the Chinese language and for getting involved. The celebrations concluded with the Junior school students making lanterns and a hosting a lively parade.

Above Film Festival Participants.
Below Chinese New Year Celebrations.



College Old Boys

The Indigenous Connection



VALE Craig Ruddy

We were greatly saddened to hear of the passing of former student Craig Ruddy (HSC Class of 1986) in late 2021 due to complications with COVID-19. Craig attended St Pius X College from Year 5 to 10 from 1979 to 1984 then went on to study design and fashion illustration, later working as a commercial art director before focusing his efforts on art. He was living in Northern NSW.

Craig grew up in Forestville near the Davidson Garigal National Park area where he spent much of his leisure time absorbing the sounds and sights of the bushland. He had health problems as a young child which excluded him from some sports, although he was a capable swimmer.

Craig's parents Caroline and John Ruddy still live in Forestville and the family have strong connections with the local community. Craig was a much-loved classmate of the St Pius X College (Class of 1986) which included Assistant Principal Sean Brannan and St Pius X Old Boys Association President Jeff Clarke. Craig's twin sister Kellianne (known as Kelli) went to Mercy (then known as CGHS) and left in Year 10 for St Pats Secretarial School and was an Australian and AIS Netballer. Their older sister Elissa went to Mercy as well, graduating in 1983, the last year of co-instruction with St Pius X. The youngest Ruddy, Brett attended St Pius X until Year 10 in 1985.

In 2004, Craig's charcoal drawing of Aboriginal actor David Gulpilil, titled *Two Worlds*, won the prestigious Archibald Prize taking out both the 'people' and 'judges' award. The portrait was considered one of the most influential artworks of that

decade, in that it raised issues of Indigenous recognition and reconciliation. It also reflected Craig's strong ties to the Indigenous community. Craig had admired David Gulpilil from an early age. "He was the first Aboriginal person that I was exposed to when I was growing up as a boy" he said, "He amazes me at his ability to live in contrasting worlds". Craig was fascinated by David Gulpilil's incredible countenance. Craig believed that David Gulpilil managed to balance being part of the 'western world' (Film / Entertainment Industry) as well as being able to live on the land with his people.

Craig was a five-time Archibald Prize finalist, and the recognition of Australian Indigenous people and culture was a core theme that permeated the narrative of his work and exhibitions. He was awarded the People's Choice again in 2010 for a portrait of Warwick Thornton and was a finalist in 2020 with his portrait of Aboriginal writer Bruce Pascoe. Ruddy said the portrait had been conceived after reading Pascoe's ground-breaking book *Dark Emu*, about Indigenous agriculture, architecture, lifestyle, and culture.

Craig had previously recalled the support and encouragement he had received from his St Pius X art teacher Greg Moore and renowned artist Brother Coll MacDonald (known to everyone as Brother Mac) who spent 34 of his 60 years as a Christian Brother at the College. His advice to inspiring artists was that "true art comes from the heart, so always believe in yourself, work from your heart and trust in your intuition".

David Kerin, St Pius X 1961: Blind Indigenous student who went on to career in Physiotherapy.

David Edward Kerin was the first recorded indigenous student to have studied at St Pius X College. He was an Arrernte man born in Tennant Creek. It remains unclear as to how David was blinded but he was taken to the Darwin hospital, and then to Sydney when he lost his sight. In 1951 he became one of the first nine children to live at St Edmund's School for the Blind in Wahroonga under the care of Brother Adam cfc. Kerin became fully proficient in braille at 10 years and then tutored his fellow students. It was still a lonely time for him.

Kerin travelled from Wahroonga and studied for his Leaving Certificate at St Pius X College, Chatswood, matriculating in 1961 with the very creditable result of As in English and French, and Bs in Latin, Modern History and Physics. The Brothers were very proud of his achievement. Kerin travelled to London in 1962 to study at the Royal Institute for the Blind. Described as "big, husky, with the build of a footballer", he also travelled with two blind classmates through England, Spain and France.

Kerin began a long career at Bankstown Hospital in 1968. Rugby league provided an unlikely home for a blind man, when he became a physiotherapist to the Parramatta club. An Eels coach, Mick Alchin, remembers Kerin arriving, dressed in a smart suit, saying: "Here I am!" Alchin grumbled that he was "not short of wingers", to be told: "I'm here as a physio." The suit was to earn David the nickname "Dasher", and he was hired on the spot. He was to treat some of the big names of the league - Ray Price, Artie Beetson, Steve Ella, Peter Sterling and Mick Cronin. Alchin said that Kerin, was a wonderful sports physiotherapist, with an intuitive feel for the play on the ground, as well as looking after players off the field. He was also a great story and joke teller.

Kerin's last years were spent in semi-retirement, with people still dropping in for treatment, sometimes from hundreds of kilometres away. His knowledge of the turf was such that one of the few things his blindness might have prevented was his becoming a race broadcaster.

John Ah Kit, the Northern Territory's first indigenous government minister, who is Kerin's nephew, said: "As kids he made us proud. He had a problem he dealt with and got on with his life. He was an inspiration to us."

David Kerin died from cancer, aged 62, in 2007.

St Pius X Indigenous Recognition

The College is committed to recognising its responsibility to develop its connection to Indigenous culture. There are regular Reconciliation Days as well as Indigenous symbols as part of our school layout. In addition, it is important to recognise our own connection to Indigenous people as part of our community here.

One important milestone was the College's connection to the Freedom Rides in New South Wales in 1965. A talented student who had graduated from the College in 1962 was part of the protest movement and was arrested when he broke the rules regarding segregated theatres in Moree. It was a landmark case for a young Michael Kirby who defended him. Kirby went on to high judicial office including as a Justice of the High Court of Australia from 1996 to 2009.

Another interesting connection is through a former teacher here in the 1970s, Thomas Dixon. Tom had previously been a Sacred Heart Missioner in central Australia missioning to the Arrernte people. In a famous case an Arrernte man, Stuart, was found guilty of murder and destined to be executed. Dixon, a highly proficient linguist, was fluent in the Arrernte language and interviewed Stuart, realising that the words of the so called confession could have never been used by the Aboriginal man.

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Top David Kerin. Bottom Leaving Certificate Class of 1961.



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