



ST PIUS X COLLEGE
CHATSWOOD

Congratulations Class of 2021



‘fide et labore,’
THROUGH FAITH AND HARD WORK

High Achievers and HSC Results

Congratulations

Class of 2021



The Class of 2021 had to face a particularly challenging year on a number of levels. They responded with great maturity and teamwork and consequently achieved high academic results as well as a powerful sense of community. They were a credit to their families and the College.

Congratulations to the College Dux, James Scaiff, with the excellent ATAR of 99.40. It was pleasing to see six students achieve an ATAR above 98 and over 25% of the cohort gaining ATARs above 90. Results were strong across all subjects. Overall, there were five boys in the Top All Rounders List.

Other results of particular note were that Max Leo, an accelerant student in Year 11 achieved First Place in New South Wales in Mathematics Advanced. In addition Thomas Cooper was ranked seventh in the state for Industrial Technology. These are wonderful achievements. A number of students were nominated for ENCORE and OnSTAGE in the Performing Arts, and another for SHAPE in Design and Technology.

This booklet highlights their many achievements.

Mr John Couani
PRINCIPAL

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
Total Number of Bands 5, 6, E3 and E4	433
Courses above the State Average	25

* Includes Year 11 Mathematics Accelerants

2021 HIGH ACHIEVER'S INSIGHTS

James Scaiff College Dux ATAR 99.40 and HSC All Rounder

Throughout my time at St Pius X, I enjoyed the diverse opportunities that the school offered. This includes the various extracurricular opportunities I pursued including band and debating, and 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.

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 HIGH ACHIEVER'S INSIGHTS

Reuben Cuasay ATAR 98.80

The inclusive and friendly school community is what I have enjoyed most at St Pius X. My peers and teachers helped me reach my academic potential and achieve my desired degree.

St Pius X provided me with many opportunities to bond with other people and maintain a balanced life through extracurricular activities.

Studying a Bachelor of Actuarial Studies/Computer Science at UNSW

- College Silver for Academic Studies
- Academic Honours
- Represented the College in Squash and Tennis (College Blue) gaining ISA representation in Tennis
- Peer Support Leader



Austin Cleary ATAR 98.75

I really valued the teachers at St Pius X and am so grateful for them, as their expertise and dedication were vital to my success and also, for helping us become better people. Which was furthered by our opportunities to go on immersions.

My tips for doing well and managing the stresses of the HSC are to do subjects you enjoy studying and creating a balance between your studies and sport or other cocurricular. This will help you remain self-motivated and get through the harsher times.

Studying a Bachelor of Space Engineering and Bachelor of Advanced Physics (Dalyell Scholar) at Sydney University

- College Prefect - Wellbeing Portfolio
- College Blue for Academic Studies
- Academic Honours
- Represented the College in Basketball and Rugby (College Silver)
- The Tom Van Dijk Spirit of St Pius Award
- Coach's Award for the 1st XV Rugby Team
- Edmund Rice Leadership Award
- Year 10 Immersion to the Central Coast and the Red Dirt Expedition
- Peer Support Leader, Peer Mentor and Student Empowerment Team



Thomas Hopkins ATAR 98.70 and HSC All Rounder

What I enjoyed most about my time at St Pius X was my friends and peer group, forming positive connections that will last long after school.

St Pius X provided me with the skills to effectively tackle my studies, while also managing my life outside of school. Many of the teachers went above and beyond to support my learning and much of my success is as a result of their encouragement and commitment.

Balancing studies and a social life is important to avoiding burnout and maintaining a positive mental health.

Studying a Double Degree in Law and Electrical Engineering at UNSW

- College Silver for Academic Studies
- The Macquarie University Prize for Outstanding Academic Achievement
- Academic Excellence
- Represented the College in Debating (College Blue) and Music (College Blue)
- Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and Outdoor Education Program
- Peer Support Leader and Peer Mentor
- Edmund Rice Leadership Award



Angelo Fernando ATAR 98.50 and HSC All Rounder

I most enjoyed the culture at St Pius X. St Pius X fosters a culture that motivates its students to take on challenges and try their best.

St Pius X provided me with the guidance, resources, and motivation to enrich my learning experience as a student. It was through my years at the College that I discovered a love for learning, something I will carry on for the rest of my life.

Studying a Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Advanced Studies (Dalyell Scholars) at Sydney University

- College Prefect - Academic Portfolio
- College Gold for Academic Studies
- Academic Honours First Class
- Represented the College in Debating (College Silver) and Music (College Blue)
- Peer Support Leader, Peer Mentor and Student Empowerment Team
- Edmund Rice Leadership Award



Luke Massa ATAR 98.00

My tips for getting good results and managing the HSC are to maintain a good balance between work and breaks - studying with mates is a great way to achieve both of these goals. Don't be afraid to ask your teachers questions and further clarification if you don't understand as they are there to help.

Studying Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at UNSW

- College Gold for Academic Studies
- 2021 STANSW Young Scientist Award
- Academic Honours First Class
- Squash Captain in 2021
- Represented the College in Cricket (College Blue), Debating, Football, Music (College Silver) and Squash (College Blue)
- Year 10 Immersion to the Central Coast
- Peer Support Leader, Peer Mentor and Eucharistic Minister
- The Kieran Waddell Leading Opens Squash Player Award
- Edmund Rice Leadership Award



YEAR 12 HSC HIGH ACHIEVERS, ATAR 90 OR ABOVE



James Scaiff
COLLEGE DUX
ATAR 99.40



Emerson Ansted



Nicholas Biefeld



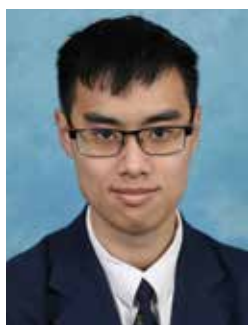
Matthew Brannan



Michael Cavaleri



Liam Chang



Alexander Chen



Austin Cleary



Thomas Cooper
7th in State
Industrial Technology
InTech Nomination



Reuben Cuasay



Jaime Dobles



Angelo Fernando
All Rounder



Benjamin Giles
ENCORE Nomination



Jacob Glass



Alexander Hassan



Jack Hettler



Thomas Hopkins
All Rounder



Joshua Jones
All Rounder



Matthew Kachel



Liam Kinna

YEAR 12 HSC HIGH ACHIEVERS, ATAR 90 OR ABOVE



Luka Krizan



Aidan Lorking



Luke Massa
2021 STANSW
Young Scientist Award Recipient



Patrick Moore



Joshua Overton



Alec Ramsbottom
OnSTAGE Nomination



Ethan Rockett



David Thirugnanaraj



Thomas Van Dijk (RIP)
All Rounder



Nicholas Ward



Reece Williams
SHAPE Nomination



Max Leo
(Year 11 Accelerant)
Mathematics Advanced



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 (%)
Business Services Examination	100	27.42	72.58
Ancient History	91.66	33.75	57.91
Chinese Beginners	100	53.72	46.28
Software Design & Develop	80	35.93	44.07
Legal Studies	80	41.86	38.14
Drama	83.33	45.47	37.86
Chemistry	76.46	40.2	36.26
Music 1	100	64.24	35.76
Biology	49.99	31.07	18.92
Studies of Religion II	64.28	46.08	18.2
Physics	56.74	40.42	16.32
English Extension 2	100	83.86	16.14
Info Process & Technology	45.45	31.74	13.71
Mathematics Extension 2	100	86.48	13.52
Modern History	49.99	37.59	12.4
Mathematics Standard 2	35.84	24.5	11.34
Business Studies	43.1	35.66	7.44
Design and Technology	61.53	54.47	7.06
History Extension	88.88	82.17	6.71
Visual Arts	68.75	63.07	5.68
Studies of Religion I	45.93	41.78	4.15
English (Standard)	20.4	16.52	3.88
Geography	46.14	44.07	2.07
English Extension 1	93.75	93.63	0.12

ST PIUS X COLLEGE COURSE MEANS ABOVE STATE

Subject	St Pius X College	State	% above State mean
Software Design & Development	87.28	74.15	13.13
Ancient History	83.72	71.06	12.66
Business Services Examination	83.43	73.08	10.35
Legal Studies	83.62	74.72	8.9
Drama	86.93	78.7	8.23
Chemistry	82.31	74.37	7.94
Modern History	78.78	72.85	5.93
Biology	79.12	73.38	5.74
Business Studies	78.92	73.32	5.6
Mathematics Standard 2	74.59	69.15	5.44
Music 1	86.03	81.34	4.69
Chinese Beginners	84.2	79.57	4.63
Physics	79.87	75.34	4.53
Studies of Religion II	79.73	75.86	3.87
History Extension	42.52	38.69	3.83
English (Standard)	74.22	70.47	3.75
Info Process & Technology	74.67	70.97	3.7
Industrial Technology	72.63	69.42	3.21
Design and Technology	81.85	79.11	2.74
Science Extension	39.37	37.05	2.32
Visual Arts	83.15	80.99	2.16
Personal Dev,Health & PE	73.99	72.19	1.8
Studies of Religion I	38.6	37.38	1.22
Engineering Studies	75.83	74.79	1.04
Economics	77.67	77.66	0.01

2021 STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVED A RESULT IN THE TOP BAND IN A COURSE

Emerson Ansted

Biology
Physics
Studies of Religion I

Samuel Ashman

Industrial Technology

James Baldock

Music 1

Nicholas Biefeld

Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Advanced
Physics
Software Design and Development

Adrian Bond Herrera

Spanish Beginners

Matthew Brannan

English Advanced
Legal Studies
Modern History
Personal Development,
Health and Physical Education
Studies of Religion I

Michael Cavaleri

Software Design and Development
Studies of Religion I

Joel Chand

Geography

Liam Chang

Chemistry
Mathematics Advanced

Alexander Chen

Mathematics Advanced

Austin Cleary

Chemistry
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2
Physics

Thomas Cooper

Industrial Technology
Mathematics Standard 2
Visual Arts

Ronan Crispe

Mathematics Advanced *

Reuben Cuasay

Chemistry
Physics

Benjamin Cullen

Mathematics Extension 1 *
Mathematics Advanced *

Zachary Davidson

Studies of Religion I

Jaime Dobles

Business Studies
Music 1

Angelo Fernando

Economics
English Advanced
Modern History
Physics

Benjamin Giles

Mathematics Advanced
Music 1

Joshua Gomez

Studies of Religion I

Jonah Gonzales

Mathematics Advanced *

Charlie Hamill

Drama

Thomas Hanley

Mathematics Standard 2

Jack Hettler

Chemistry
Physics
Studies of Religion I

Thomas Hopkins

Modern History
History Extension
Physics
Studies of Religion I

Cian Hughes

Personal Development,
Health and Physical Education

Charlie Jackson

Design and Technology

Ashley Johnson

Drama
Mathematics Standard 2

Joshua Jones

English Advanced
English Extension 1
Legal Studies
Modern History
History Extension
Studies of Religion II

Matthew Kachel

Ancient History
History Extension

Cameron Keir

Mathematics Standard 2

Thomas Kennedy

Visual Arts

Liam Kinna

Ancient History
English Advanced
English Extension 1
History Extension
Studies of Religion I

Luka Krizan

Modern History
Studies of Religion I

Max Leo

Mathematics Extension 1 *
Mathematics Advanced *

Aidan Lorking

Business Studies
Mathematics Advanced
Studies of Religion I

Lucas Makarewicz

Studies of Religion I

Ben Marino

Visual Arts

Thomas Marren

Mathematics Extension 1 *
Mathematics Advanced *

Max Marshall

Studies of Religion I

Luke Massa

Chemistry
Physics

Joshua Overton

Studies of Religion I

Dominic Panozzo

English Extension 1

Justin Park

Mathematics Extension 1 *
Mathematics Advanced *

Alec Ramsbottom

Drama
English Advanced
Studies of Religion I

Oliver Robson

Mathematics Standard 2

Ethan Rockett

Business Studies
English Advanced

James Scaiff

Chemistry
English Advanced
Physics
Studies of Religion I
Chinese Continuers

Luca Sella

Mathematics Standard 2

William Stanley

Mathematics Standard 2

David Thirugnanaraj

Economics

Thomas Van Dijk (RIP)

Biology
Chemistry
English Advanced
Mathematics Advanced
Modern History
Studies of Religion I

Matthew Vitagliani

Studies of Religion I

Nicholas Ward

Chemistry
Studies of Religion II

Reece Williams

Design and Technology
Engineering Studies
Physics

Thomas Wunsch

Studies of Religion I

MAJOR PRIZES



The Br M M O'Connor Prize	For General Excellence and Leadership	Liam Chang
The Br J R Killian Award	For Personal Character and Influence on the Life of the College	Nicholas Ward
The Macquarie University Prize	For Outstanding Academic Achievement	Thomas Hopkins
The St Pius X Old Boys' Association Shield	For the Best All Rounder – Study and Sport	Patrick Moore
The Br Coll MacDonald Award	For Consistent Effort and Desire to Improve	Alec Ramsbottom
The New Street Medal	In recognition of being a Good Man for Others	Luka Krizan
Tom Van Dijk Spirit of Pius Award	For contribution to academic studies, cocurricular life and student wellbeing	Austin Cleary
The Australian Defence Force Long Tan Award	Leadership and Teamwork Award	Frederick Braddock
ADF Future Innovators Award		Reece Williams
The Theo Scarf Shield	For Sportsman of the Year	Zachary Davidson
The Simon D'Arcy Trophy	For Contribution to Sport at St Pius X College	Joseph Colgan
The Alan Ward Memorial Prize	For Contribution to Music & the Performing Arts	James Baldock
The Keith Kellett Award	For the Leading Senior Band Member	Benjamin Giles
The Australian Olympic Change-Maker Award	In recognition of sporting achievements consistent with the values of the Olympic Movement	Dominic Panozzo Benjamin Ferguson



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