

SOCIAL JUSTICE THROUGH FAITH AND RESPECT

at St Pius X College



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CHATSWOOD



EDMUND RICE EDUCATION
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Social Justice at St Pius X College Chatswood is embedded in ongoing community service, school partnerships and reconciliation programs, supported by fundraising activities that give practical help to those in need. Every year the College community stands in solidarity with those in need across Australia and overseas.

SERVICE – Serving our communities

Students at St Pius X College are active in the local community every week.

Some examples include: visits by students from our Edmund Rice Society (ERS) to Willowood Aged Care facility in Chatswood to “sit and chat” with residents and perform at musical soirees; making blood donations to Lifeblood (with boys over 16 eligible to donate blood once a year), and assisting with meals at the Matthew Talbot Hostel for Homeless Men.

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.

The College’s Community Involvement Program (CIP) for Years 10 and 11 sees students participate in a range of activities to give service to the community, especially those in need.

PARTNERSHIPS – Mutually rewarding partnerships with schools in Australia and overseas

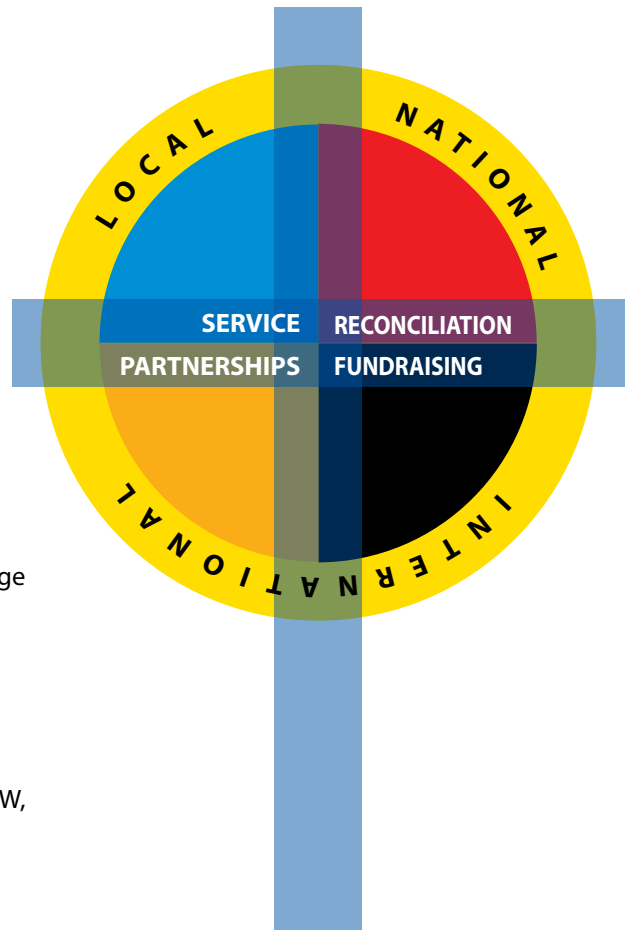
The College has a number of ongoing mutually rewarding partnerships with schools in Australia including fellow EREA schools St Edmund’s Wahroonga, The Haven Terrigal and St Joseph’s Geelong as well as St Mary’s Bowraville and St Joseph’s Walgett. Overseas the College works with the Callan Services PNG,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

A Lead School of EREB

EDMUND RICE EDUCATION
Beyond Borders

Courage • Compassion • Action

***“Give to the poor in handfuls”
– Blessed Edmund Rice***



RECONCILIATION – Respect for Indigenous People

The College believes in Indigenous Reconciliation and works for unity and solidarity with Indigenous people. We celebrate National Reconciliation Week annually, and proudly display artwork from Indigenous artist Sean Ryan. This artwork forms the basis of the College representative sports jerseys.

All students are challenged to be ‘ambassadors’ for Reconciliation.

Students lead the College Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) which gives voice to our aspiration to be a force for unity and equity with Indigenous People. This search for unity is embodied in our Red Dirt Immersion to communities, schools and cultural sights in Western NSW, as well as partnerships with communities across our country.

FUNDRAISING AND DONATIONS

The College Community lives out the charism of our Founder Blessed Edmund Rice through his exhortation to “Give to the poor in handfuls”. Our Fundraising and donations of non-perishable goods support partner schools, Catholic agencies and other charities that assist those living on the margins. Initiatives include donation drives, the Christmas and Winter Appeals and the support of fundraising activities such as Daffodil Day and Project Compassion. The donation program assists a variety of local and regional-based organisations, including our partner schools in Bowraville, Walgett and the Central Coast.

The annual Founder’s Day Festival, a student-led day of celebration, is held towards the end of the school year, raising both awareness and funds for social justice issues.



Respect • Faith • Giving

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.

Meetings held 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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