



ST PIUS X COLLEGE
CHATSWOOD

PROSPECTUS



WELCOME

Welcome to St Pius X College, a leading Catholic Boys School from Years 5 to 12.

We are committed to the vision of Blessed Edmund Rice (Founder of the Christian Brothers) who emphasised the need to help the marginalised in society. We practice our faith and strive to live it out daily in the way we treat each other and the way we learn. Social justice programs and service to the community are key elements of our life.

The College has a strong emphasis on academic achievement and constant improvement. Our pastoral care for each student is vital to ensuring the wellbeing that is essential for good learning. The extensive cocurricular program provides students with opportunities for achievement in sport, music and an extensive range of cultural activities.

Our vibrant and inclusive community is dedicated to developing the spiritual, intellectual, social, cultural and physical wellbeing of every student. The College does this through offering a wide range of opportunities and experiences designed to engage and encourage students to participate and further develop their interests, skills and passions.

The College supports every student on their journey to becoming confident, capable and respectful young men.

We welcome you and your son to join our caring and committed community, and invite you to learn more about our College through this Prospectus and on our website at: www.spx.nsw.edu.au

'St Pius X is an Inclusive Community dedicated to educating Young Men to be the best they can'

TOUCHSTONES

The Touchstones of a Catholic Education in the Edmund Rice Tradition.



**LIBERATING
EDUCATION**



**INCLUSIVE
COMMUNITY**



**GOSPEL
SPIRITUALITY**



**JUSTICE AND
SOLIDARITY**



**EDMUND RICE EDUCATION
AUSTRALIA**



MISSION, VISION AND CORE VALUES

MISSION STATEMENT

As a Catholic Independent Boys' School for students in Years 5 to 12, St Pius X College aims to promote the spiritual, academic, social, cultural, and physical growth of its students in a Catholic environment.

VISION STATEMENT

The Vision of the College is to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ through quality Catholic education in the Edmund Rice Tradition so as to make a positive difference in our world.

COLLEGE CORE VALUES

The core values of St Pius X College are embedded in the Touchstones of the Charter for Edmund Rice Schools:

FAITH • EXCELLENCE • RESPECT • OPPORTUNITY

FAITH

St Pius X College is a Catholic learning community engaged in witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ through regular, conscientious, and active participation in worship, a vibrant sacramental and prayer life, and engagement of the College community in the wider life of the local Church. The tradition of Blessed Edmund Rice infuses the religious and spiritual life of the College community.

EXCELLENCE

St Pius X College is a Catholic learning community committed to excellence in the education of boys and the pursuit of the highest levels of personal attainment in all aspects of education – spiritual, intellectual, cultural and sporting. Achievement and improvement are actively encouraged, supported, recognised and celebrated. All in the College community strive for 'personal best' performance and demonstrate persistence, resilience, and tenacity in achieving their goals.



RESPECT

St Pius X is a Catholic learning community in which all hold a deep regard for self and others. This is expressed in the daily life of the College through care, compassion and service to promote justice and the dignity and rights of all people.

OPPORTUNITY

St Pius X College is a Catholic learning community committed to enhancing the life chances of all by working together to achieve common aspirations and goals. This is expressed in the daily life of the College through sustainable strategic approaches to new opportunities, maintaining equity and supporting the marginalised.



JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEARS 5 - 6

The Junior School welcomes boys into Year 5 by providing a warm and nurturing learning environment. Junior students have their own dedicated classrooms in the new purpose built Waterford Learning Centre, as well as a Junior Library and playground area on the main campus.

Learning embraces the development of critical and creative thinking skills. The provision of an excellent range of cocurricular activities including robotics, debating, chess, intellectual challenges, sport, music and drama extends this learning beyond the classroom.

Junior School students benefit from leadership opportunities and a closely linked wellbeing and academic program underpinned with Catholic values.

Parents are essential partners in their sons' development and education. They are valued members of the College Community and are welcome to participate in class programs, other supporter groups as well as the Parents and Friends.

'Where young minds grow, friendships flourish, and a love for learning begins'

FEATURES OF THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Strong academic program
- Dedicated teachers
- Small class sizes
- Enrichment programs
- Inquiry-based learning
- Seamless transition to senior college

SPORT & COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Comprehensive sports program
- Music & performing arts
- Clubs & leadership opportunities
- Outdoor education & overnight excursions

SUPPORTIVE & INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

- Welcoming school culture
- Pastoral care & wellbeing
- Strong parent-school partnership
- Respect & inclusion
- Catholic Teachings

FACILITIES & RESOURCES

- State-of-the-art facilities
- Technology integration



SENIOR SCHOOL

YEARS 7 - 12

St Pius X College understands boys' education and the different stages and demands of adolescence. We support the development of every student throughout their schooling.

In Years 7 and 8, as students transition from Junior or Primary school, they are supported by peer mentoring, a dedicated Year 7 playground, as well as camps and retreats that focus on creating a sense of belonging to a community through building the foundations of respect and resilience.

In Years 9 and 10, as the students continue their personal development. The College provides opportunities for achievement and reflection, whilst guiding and supporting students as they progress into adulthood. Students are introduced to responsible decision making through their subject selections. Pastoral Care programs focus on building men of character and strong values.

Senior students from Years 11 and 12 step up to the challenges of the HSC. They take over the roles of mentors and leaders of the College. Pastoral Care programs focus on the development of leadership and life skills whilst at all times supporting their mental and physical well being.

COURSES

Ancient History

Biology

Business Studies

Catholic Studies

Chemistry

Chinese Beginners

Chinese Continuers

Chinese Extension

Chinese and Literature

Commerce

Design and Technology

Drama

Economics

Engineering Studies

English

English Extension One

Geography

French Beginners

French Continuers

French Extension

History (Ancient, Modern and Extension)

Industrial Technology - Timber

Information and Software Technology

Information Processes and Technology

Legal Studies

Mathematics

Mathematics Accelerated

Mathematics Extension 1

Mathematics Extension 2

Mathematics General/Standard

Music 1

Music 2

Music Extension

Open High School languages

Physical Activity and Sports Science

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Photography and Digital Media

Physics

Sports Leisure and Recreation

Studies of Religion 1

Studies of Religion 2

Software Design and Development

Visual Arts



FAITH

St Pius X College is a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition where Faith is an integral and active part of everyday school life.

Gospel Spirituality underpins College activity. Students and staff live this Faith through care and respect towards one another, through social justice programs as well as a range of outreach services in the community.

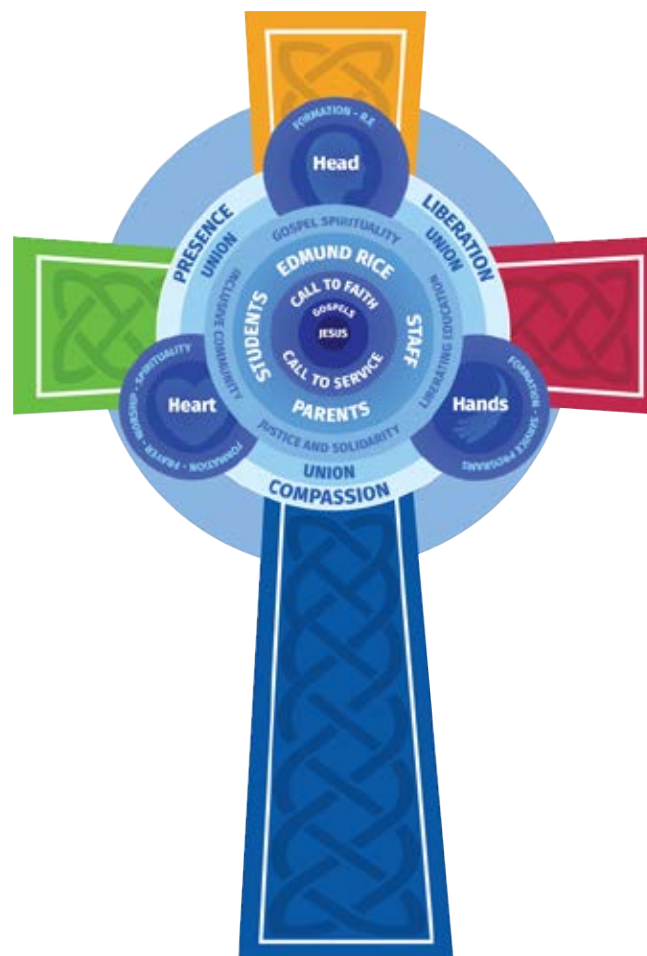
The College continues a rich tradition of Catholic Education founded in 1802 by Edmund Ignatius Rice. His vision was to enable young people to live dignified and fruitful lives through education.

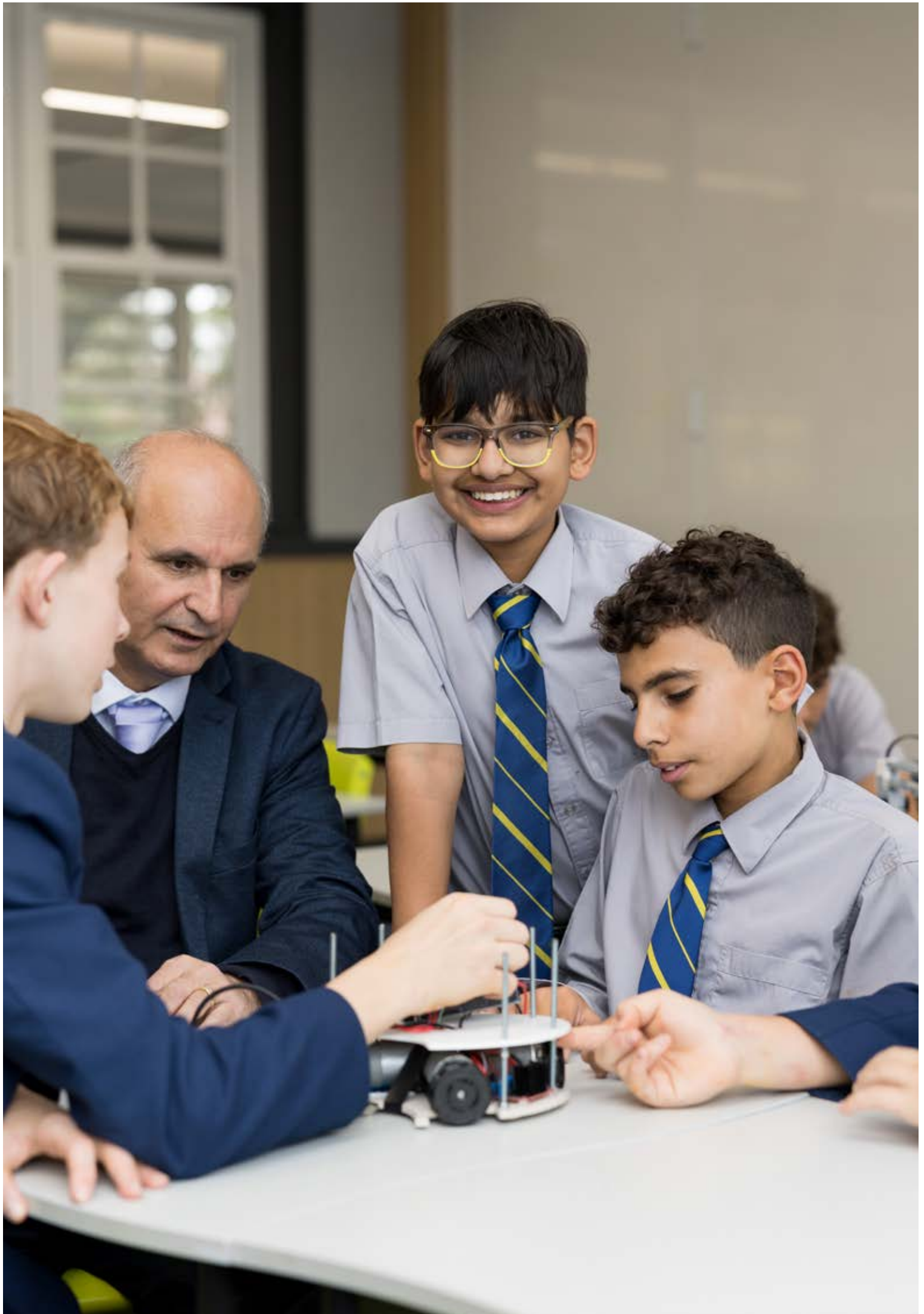
St Pius X believes in the value of a strong and inclusive community involving a partnership of students, parents, local parishes and society in general. Each year there are a number of significant occasions when the College community gathers together to celebrate Masses and Liturgies.

Worship and Prayer opportunities include:

- Weekly Chapel Masses with Mercy College
- Altar server training
- Ministers of the Eucharist training
- Sarto Collective Prayer Group

‘Encouraging students to find purpose and meaning in their faith and make gospel values real in their lives’





LEARNING EXPERIENCES

St Pius X College provides a stimulating learning environment for a holistic education, where young men develop into critical and creative thinkers equipped academically, spiritually and emotionally to prosper in life.

As an academically non selective boys' College St Pius X consistently ranks in the top schools in NSW, delivering results well above state averages. Over 75% of Year 12 students go on to Tertiary education. Many students attain the very highest level of academic achievement.

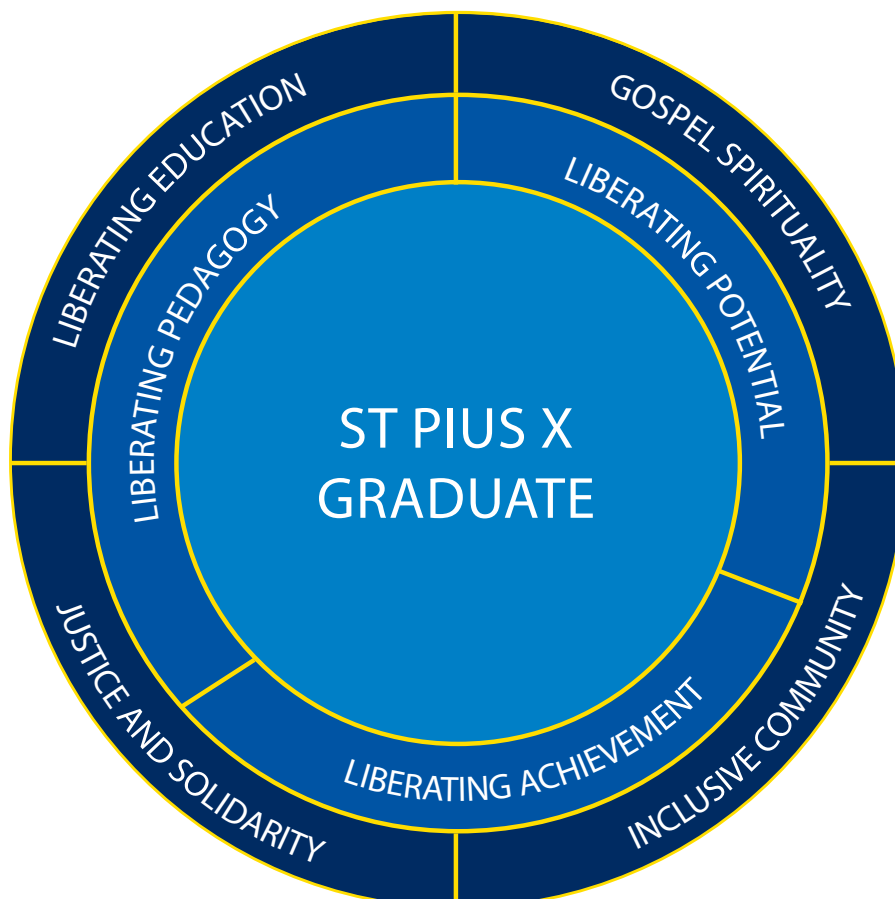
Whilst each individual develops according to their own abilities, it is the continual interplay of experience, reflection and action in the teaching and learning process that lies at the heart of the St Pius X learning framework.

Students are supported by highly qualified, experienced and diverse staff with extensive resources in a caring environment. This enables students to experience, reflect and grow into competent and compassionate young men.

A challenging and inclusive curriculum, complemented by a wide range of co-curricular opportunities, provides relevant learning experiences for all students.

Extension programs also cater to specific needs such as leadership development, church involvement, elite sporting pathways and high level academic opportunities.

'Students are prepared to critically reflect, discern, engage and innovate successfully in the world in which we live'



SEED is committed to **fostering a culture of engagement, enrichment, and inclusion**, ensuring every student has the tools and support they need to **thrive**.



Empowering every learner through Inclusion, Enrichment & Support



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT, ENRICHMENT & DIVERSITY

WHAT WE PROVIDE

PERSONALISED LEARNING & SUPPORT

Tailored strategies, resources, and programs designed to meet the unique learning needs of every student.

EARLY IDENTIFICATION & INTERVENTION

Proactive assessment at enrolment and continuous monitoring to ensure students receive the right support at the right time.

COLLABORATIVE PLANNING & ENGAGEMENT

Partnerships with students, families, teachers, and pastoral leaders to create effective, individualised learning adjustments.

INCLUSIVE & ENRICHED LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Evidence-based teaching strategies and in-class support to foster engagement, accessibility, and success for all learners.

PATHWAYS FOR GROWTH & ACHIEVEMENT

HIGH-POTENTIAL & GIFTED EDUCATION (HPGE)

Specialised enrichment programs, including da Vinci Decathlon, designed to challenge and inspire advanced learners.

TARGETED LITERACY & NUMERACY SUPPORT

Research-based interventions such as MacqLit, MultiLit, and SpellIt to strengthen foundational skills.

LIFE SKILLS & ADAPTIVE LEARNING (YEARS 7-12)

Tailored programs that develop essential skills for students with additional learning needs.

EXAM & ASSESSMENT PROVISIONS

Adjustments and accommodations to ensure equitable access to assessments for students requiring support.

DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

YARC & South Australian Spelling Test administered on a case-by-case basis.

SSL PROGRAM (STUDENT SERVICE & LEADERSHIP)

A peer-to-peer leadership initiative where Year 9 & 10 students provide structured in-class support for Year 7 & 8 students. This fosters mentorship, collaboration, and leadership, enriching the learning experience for younger students.

SET-UP 4 SUCCESS

A structured program providing homework, assessment, and study routine support to help students develop independent learning skills.



CARE AND WELLBEING

St Pius X College is a vibrant and inclusive community, where every person is welcomed, accepted, valued and equipped to achieve their personal best.

As an accredited National 'Be You' school, the College promotes positive mental health and wellbeing. Hallmarks of this whole-school initiative include building positive self-image as well as self-esteem, resilience and respect for others.

Every staff member at the College is a teacher of wellbeing. Every interaction is seen as an opportunity to enhance and shape the wellbeing of the students and the community.

Pastoral Care programs include whole of school and year specific programs. Extension and support programs include Peer Support, Boxercise, Peer mentoring, Guest speakers, SRC - Student Representatives as well as Celebration and Growth Mindest Days.

PASTORAL CARE PROGRAMS INCLUDE

Year 5 - Part of the Community of EREA - Building Personal Skills

Year 6 - Friendship and Respect

Year 7 - Belonging to a Community/Team

Year 8 - Challenge, Choice, Resilience

Year 9 - Men of Honour and Respect

Year 10 - Skills for Life

Year 11 - Developing Leaders

Year 12 - Meeting the Future

The College also offers a range support services to students and their families in special need with a qualified and caring team of Counsellors and Registered Psychologists are on staff and on-hand to help.

Wellbeing is fundamental for student development. Our programs support academic success, emotional health, and the development of social skills, helping students stay engaged, motivated, and resilient.

WELLBEING PROGRAMS INCLUDE

- Wellio – a range of evidence-based positive psychology lessons run weekly in homerooms
- My Mind Check – evidence-based digital mental health and wellbeing check in for students
- School TV – extensive range of wellbeing resources for schools, families and students
- Peer Support and Peer Mentoring
- Student leadership opportunities
- Counselling services
- Integration with Pastoral Care and Mission and Identity
- Dedicated Wellbeing Coordinator

'St Pius X develops young men to respect themselves and others'



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Education at St Pius X College develops boys into respectful and well rounded young men with compassion and consideration for others in the community. Our touchstone 'Justice and Solidarity' leads us to justice and peace through action and reflection.

Students participate in a wide range of social responsibility and community service programs in Australia and across the globe.

Our strategic focus includes:

'Giving voice to the voiceless'

The Edmund Rice Society is a voluntary group of students in the College who work together to support the charism of the Founder by giving practical help to those in need.

'Service unto others'

All students are encouraged to understand and express their faith through voluntary service to others. Each year group experiences this in many ways, culminating in Year 10 and 11, where all students volunteer for 30 hours of service to the community.

'Experiencing and appreciating how others live'

Mutually rewarding partnerships with other Edmund Rice schools both within and outside Australia enable the formation of partnerships which develop an understanding of how others live.

'Unity and solidarity'

The College works for unity and solidarity with Indigenous peoples. Indigenous Reconciliation is a feature of the College's Liturgies, ceremonies, uniforms, immersion programs and artwork.

PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

Ephesians 2:10 Faith in Action

- Homeless Shelter Visits
- Aged Care Facility Visits
- Local Community Senior Citizen group connections

Matthew 25:40 Immersions

- Red Dirt Central NSW Kamilaroi Country
- Bowraville
- Philippines Santo Niño Immersion

Mark 6:31 Retreats

- Year 11 & 12

1 Peter 4:10 Appeals

- Lenten Appeal
- Winter Appeal
- Christmas Appeal

'Providing experiences that develop compassion and consideration of others in the community'



SPORT AND OTHER COCURRICULAR

St Pius X College provides many opportunities for students to be involved in a variety of cocurricular activities. This involvement benefits the whole community of staff, students and families in that it enriches relationships and builds character, teamwork, skills and school spirit.

Cocurricular activities deepen the school experience for all our students. From the arts to the sporting field, students are encouraged to challenge themselves and uncover their talents.

Sport is a valuable part of a student's education and supports the development of well-rounded young men. Students at St Pius X College can participate in competitive or non-competitive sports that cater for all levels of ability from beginner to representative opportunities.

St Pius X students are encouraged to extend their critical and creative thinking through participation in a range of cocurricular activities including Robotics, Debating, Chess, the da Vinci Decathlon and Public Speaking.

Local and international tours, specialist clinics and participation in wider school and community competitions further develop skills and support high level representation across all sporting and other cocurricular activities.

SPORTS

- AFL - Year 5 & 6
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Rugby
- Football
- Softball - Year 5 & 6
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Touch Football - Year 5 & 6

COCURRICULAR

- Boxercise
- Chess
- da Vinci Decathlon
- Debating
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Performing Arts (Music and Drama)
- Public Speaking
- Robotics
- Social Justice Programs
- Art Lab



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Outdoor Education is a feature of the College. Students participate in enjoyable, activity-based programs that promote self-development and wellbeing. The many activities on offer at the College nurture positive relationships, build respect, provide controlled challenges, develop personal resilience, teamwork and leadership.

All students participate in camps and retreats that build the foundations for a strong year group and a sustainable sense of community. These include:

- Year 5 Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre
- Year 6 Canberra trip
- Year 7 Great Aussie Bush camp
- Year 8 Ski trip
- Year 9 Reflection Workshops at Wamberal
- Year 10 Indigenous Immersion experiences to Walgett, Bowraville and the Central Coast
- Year 11 Retreats, Reflection days and Snowy Hike
- Year 12 Retreats and Reflection days

There are also additional Outdoor Education opportunities including:

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.

A well established internationally recognised youth development program for Years 9-12.

The Outdoor Education Group for students wanting to learn the necessary skills to operate in remote locations.

Year 11 Snowy Mountains Hike. A unique and challenging 100km hike over 5 days.

Kokoda Track Expedition. This ultimate physical and mental challenge is offered biannually to students in Years 9-11 and their families.

Be You/ Mindmatters program which includes Boxercise, paddle boarding, indoor rock-climbing, buddies bush walks and short hikes to encourage positive mental health.

'Activity based programs provide key self development opportunities'





PERFORMING ARTS

St Pius X College is highly regarded for its exemplary Performing Arts program. The College's traditions and everyday activities testify to the belief that Drama and Music empower students, impacting on their cognitive, social, spiritual, physical and emotional development.

Drama and Music are part of the formal curriculum through to the HSC. In addition, over 400 students participate in 32 ensembles including an Orchestra, Concert Bands, Jazz Bands, Choirs and Drama Ensembles. The College offers instruction in digital music, composition and private tuition for many instruments.

Our programs are actively supported by the Performing Arts' Parents Association. This thriving parent body helps with our concerts, workshops, performance opportunities and provides additional equipment to support teaching and learning. Our facilities and resources are constantly being upgraded to ensure students have access to the best opportunities and experiences.

Our Performing Arts calendar provides an array of opportunities for students to showcase their talents which include: College Liturgies, Twilight Concerts, Instrumental Soirees, Drama productions, Eisteddfods, Awards Ceremonies, HSC Showcase Concerts and a range of community events.

Our Year 12 students have a history of high achievement in HSC examinations, with many going onto careers in the arts.

ENSEMBLES

- String Ensembles – Junior, Intermediate & Senior
- Senior String Quartet
- Senior String Trio
- Choirs – Junior & Senior
- Concert Bands – Primary, Junior, Intermediate & Senior
- Digital Music Ensembles – Junior, Intermediate & Senior
- Drama Ensembles – Junior, Intermediate & Senior
- Guitar Ensembles – Junior, Intermediate & Senior
- Jazz Bands – Junior, Intermediate & Senior
- College Orchestra
- Percussion Ensembles – Junior, Intermediate & Senior
- Ukulele & Guitar Club
- Elective Ensembles – Contemporary & Chamber

'The Performing Arts empower children spectacularly'

Richard Gill AO



FACILITIES

The College is continually developing its facilities and resources to meet the needs of today's modern learners. Multiple venues and facilities provide a variety of learning and personal development opportunities. These include:

CHATSWOOD CAMPUS

Conveniently set in the heart of Chatswood close to transport, the main educational centre includes state of the art laboratories, performance spaces, grounds and classrooms.

Proximity to the Parish church ensures a continued close spiritual relationship with the local Catholic community.



WATERFORD LEARNING CENTRE

Adjacent to the Chatswood Campus this purpose built, modern, two-level learning space provides 8 classrooms that house the Junior School. Featuring covered outdoor learning spaces, staff areas and a lift and ramps for disabled access. It is also environmentally sustainable with solar panels, grey water, natural light and air flow.



OXFORD FALLS CAMPUS

The College's educational and sporting complex at Oxford Falls is just 10 kilometres from the main Chatswood Campus and further extends student learning opportunities. The complex spans 6 hectares and is used for inter-school sports competitions, sports days, study days, retreats, trainings and other special events. The complex readily accommodates the entire school for important ceremonies and performances.



WORKUL KOO RETREAT CENTRE TERRIGAL BEACH

The *Workul Koo* retreat centre is jointly owned with Christian Brothers College Lewisham. It offers group accommodation on Terrigal Beach where students and staff can experience retreats, reflection days, respite and training, and personal development in a very different environment.





GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

St Pius X College connects locally and internationally with Edmund Rice schools and like-minded organisations across the world. This provides opportunities for student and staff growth and development through outreach programs, immersions, sporting competitions and service based learning experiences.



'A network of over 250 schools inspired by Edmund Rice charism in over 20 countries'

The College operates as a member of **Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA)**, a network of over 50 schools across Australia offering a Catholic education guided by the charism of Edmund Rice. EREA schools offer a liberating education, based on gospel spirituality, within an inclusive community committed to justice and solidarity.



An international network of Edmund Rice schools in over 20 countries. It promotes global solidarity and offers a transformational education for justice and liberation. **Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders** provides opportunities for St Pius X College students and staff to network, share ideas and learn from each other's experiences.





WHY BOYS THRIVE AT ST PIUS X COLLEGE

FAITH

We ensure faith is an integral and active part of everyday College life providing students with purpose and meaning.

EXCELLENCE

We understand every student is unique and recognise the potential in everyone. The College celebrates these differences and promotes the pursuit of knowledge, a love of learning and a commitment to personal achievement.

RESPECT

We want students to respect themselves and each other. We are committed to building and supporting student wellbeing through programs and activities that build resilience, respect, friendships and self confidence.

OPPORTUNITY

We provide many opportunities to create experiences. Students are encouraged to try new activities, find their passion and make new friends by getting involved in the many activities, programs and opportunities on offer at the College.

COMPASSION

We provide students with opportunities and experiences that develop compassion and consideration of others in their community.

COMMUNITY

Students become part of a supportive and welcoming community and learn the value of this.

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THROUGH FAITH AND HARD WORK



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ENROLMENT

We are delighted that you are considering an education at St Pius X College for your family. There can be no greater privilege than being able to shape the character and skills of future generations.

The enrolment process for intake year levels occurs two years prior to the nominated entry year. To register your interest for Year 5 or Year 7 in future intake years, we urge you to complete our Expression of Interest form. This form is accessible via the QR code provided.



CONTACT US

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Complete our online Expression of Interest form at
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