

CBC Chatswood St Pius X College Chatswood

1950s



ST. PIUS X COLLEGE

Chatswood School Extensions Opened

• SIX NEW CLASSROOMS ADDED
A NEW wing, which includes six classrooms, three assembly rooms, an office and laboratory, was opened by His Eminence Cardinal Gilroy at St. Pius X, Chatswood, on Sunday afternoon.



THE NEW CLASSROOMS



Our First
Ex-Student Recruit



His Eminence Cardinal Gilroy
opening the new wing, 1951.
With him on the left are:
Rev. Mr. Hamilton, P.P.,
Rev. Mr. S. J. D. Tynes,
Principal of St. Mary's,
Presbyterian, Rev. Mr. J. B. Kerr,
Principal.



SENIOR
DEBATING
TEAM
J. Burke, D. Cook,
A. Sheath

With a great sigh of relief, we report that a Public Address System has been installed at the College.
No longer will the Principal have to strain his vocal chords (to little purpose) to make himself heard at Assembly. No longer will those in the back rows plead that they were unable to hear what was said. Now, thanks to the generosity of Mr. Adamson, the whole school will hear all that is said—on all occasions.

1952 saw the installation in the College of a new Bell and Howell 16 mm. film projector, the gift of Mrs. H. S. Darke, of Turramurra, and indefatigable worker for the College.
The projector has already served much useful purpose, not only to boys of the Preparatory School, but also to the Seniors. We are members of various film libraries and are thus assured of a regular supply of interesting and instructive reels, some

Special mention must be made of Frank and Lyla Sepple and their family for the extraordinary efforts they made on behalf of the College. Frank began raising funds for the College back in 1945 with his dances in Legion House in Cantleugh Street. From once a week this grew to three dances a week with one venue being the Ashfield Town Hall and another the Dispensary Hall at Chatswood.
When T.V. came in 1950 and with fewer halls available for dances, Frank began his famous house. Once again that grew to three nights a week. St. Benedict's Hall at Broadway was used because there were at that time many people living in that area interested in the game and the Paddock Town Hall and the Dispensary Hall were also used later. This involved Frank, his wife, Lyla, and their three sons and others in setting up the hall for each game and having cards ready and selling them—all very hectic and demanding tasks. Frank not only earned a reputation for the ultimate in efficiency, but he also had a reputation for integrity second to none and in all this he refused any remuneration for his work. For some years he thought nothing of beginning the game at Paddock and once it was well under way he would rush to Chatswood on the same night.

In 1954 Br O'Connor revived the Old Boy's Association and Mr B.H. Curtis became President. We find regular functions taking place for some years, such as cricket and rugby matches against the College, the Annual Mass and Communion, dinners and balls. For a time the Association also provided for bursaries for promising Intermediate students who wished to proceed to Leaving Certificate studies and who needed financial assistance.



CITY OF SYDNEY EISTEDDFOD WINNERS 1956

ST. PIUS X COLLEGE HOLDS SECOND EISTEDDFOD

Students of St. Pius X College, Chatswood, held the second annual eisteddfod on April 18, at the Assembly Hall, City.
More than 600 parents and friends of the students heard the finals of the 19 solo and choral sections. Five hundred competed.



Early in the year (19 June '57), Anthony Perry a pupil of our fourth year was tragically killed when travelling home. He barely bumped a friend and his heart was pierced by an open knife his friend was carrying. He died in the ambulance on the way to the Mater Hospital. This accident occurred close to his home in Myerburn Ave, East Lindfield, and his mother was with him in the ambulance when he died. Our pupils formed a guard of honour at the Church, as he was buried from the Chatswood parish church. (G.D. Kerr HMC)



COLLEGE CHOIR

FETE PROVES SUCCESS



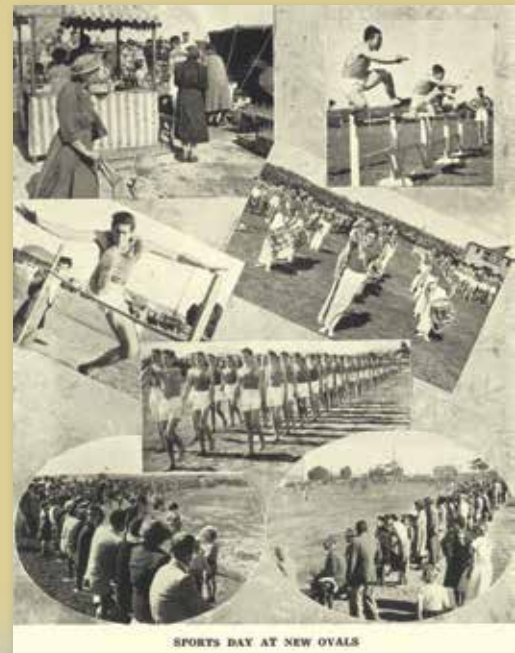
HOUSE COMPETITION

1952 saw the inauguration of a House Competition in the College. It has stimulated much interest and has paid dividends in many ways, notably by fostering that "esprit de corps" so evident at the height of the competitions.
The College is divided into four houses named after four outstanding Christian Brothers, Rice, Treacy, Barron, Purton.

ALL SCHOOLS' TITLE HOLDER



AUSTIN SHEATH
First Collegiate to gain an All-Schools' Title—
Champion Broad Jumper, 1951.



SPORTS DAY AT NEW OVALS



TENNIS CHAMPIONS, 1956



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