

HSC 2015



High Achievers

fide et labore
THROUGH FAITH AND HARD WORK



ST PIUS X COLLEGE
CHATSWOOD

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Congratulations to the Class of 2015

Congratulations to the Class of 2015 on your excellent HSC results. The College community is very proud of each student who has graduated from the College. You have been true to the College motto "Fide et Labore" – through faith and hard work – and I know you will all go on to make a positive difference in our world.

The College's theme for 2015 was Liberating Education which called on each of us at the College, staff and students, to strive for excellence in everything we do – in the classroom, on the playground, on the sporting fields, on the stage and in the community. The Class of 2015 certainly did strive for excellence and will be remembered for their lasting contribution to the life of the College.

I would also like to acknowledge with gratitude the College's dedicated and professional teaching staff and the families of the students for their enduring support and encouragement.

John Couani
PRINCIPAL



2015 HSC HIGHLIGHTS

ATAR 99.15	College Dux – Ben John
All-round Achiever	Matthew Harris
Places in NSW	Ben John 20th in Ancient History Matthew Harris 6th in Legal Studies Matthew Buskariol 18th in English (Advanced)
Distinguished Achievers	95 mentions
ATAR over 90	26 students attained ATARs over 90
100% St Pius X students attained Top 2 bands	English Extension 1, English Extension 2, History Extension, Music 2, Music Extension



COLLEGE DUX
Ben John
ATAR 99.15

20th in NSW in Ancient History



Ben Kinchington
ATAR 98.55



Matthew Harris
ATAR 98.50

All-round Achiever
6th in NSW in Legal Studies



Matthew Buskariol
ATAR 98.45

18th in NSW in English (Advanced)



Tyran Collins
ATAR 97.90



Jaycob Fong
ATAR 97.70

ATARS ABOVE 90



Ben John • 99.15



Ben Kinchington • 98.55



Matthew Harris • 98.50



Matthew Buskariol • 98.45



Tyran Collins • 97.90



Jaycob Fong • 97.70



Jack Murphy • 96.70



James Brannan • 96.55



Marcus Bingle • 96.15



Nathan Mowad • 95.40



Liam Shatford • 94.50



Luke Rayner • 93.90



Anthony Saba • 93.50



Dylan Chrimes • 93.45



Rhys Collyer • 92.35



Jeremy Chow • 92.30



Niall Darby • 92.15



Montgomery Weller • 91.80



Kane Lee • 91.50



Blake Fellow • 91.40



Deven Solanki • 91.25



Andrew Giraldi • 90.95



Matthew Rath • 90.90



Lyndon Maher • 90.60



Richard Zelei • 90.55



Kristopher Yiannakoulis • 90.05

**LIBERATING
EDUCATION**

Striving for Excellence

Students who achieved a result in the Top Band in a course

Bingle, Marcus

History Extension
Studies of Religion I

Brannan, James

English (Advanced)
English Extension 1
Modern History
History Extension
Studies of Religion I

Buskariol, Matthew

English (Advanced)
English Extension 1
Geography
Studies of Religion I

Calamos, Samuel

Mathematics
Mathematics Extension 1

Carnovale, Leonardo

Mathematics

Carroll, Liam

Studies of Religion I

Ceravolo, Brandon

Business Studies

Chow, Jeremy

Software Design and Development

Chrimes, Dylan

English (Advanced)
English Extension 1
Modern History
Personal Development,
Health and Physical
Education

Chu, Anthony

English (Advanced)

Collins, Tyran

English (Advanced)
Modern History
History Extension
Studies of Religion I

Coyne, Thomas

Studies of Religion I

Drake, Alexander

Studies of Religion I

Eden, Kane

Mathematics
Mathematics Extension 1

Fellow, Blake

Engineering Studies

Finch, Lachlan

Studies of Religion I

Fong, Jaycob

Business Studies
English (Advanced)
Mathematics
Studies of Religion II

Fung, Herman

Mathematics

Georgian, Kirk

Mathematics

Giraldi, Andrew

English (Advanced)

Harris, Matthew

Business Studies
English (Advanced)
English Extension 1
Legal Studies
Modern History
Studies of Religion I

Harris, Alexander

Mathematics

Haughton, Joshua

Visual Arts

Heaney, Harry

Mathematics

Jackson, David

Modern History

John, Ben

Ancient History
English (Advanced)
English Extension 1
English Extension 2
Modern History
Studies of Religion I

Kinchington, Ben

Business Studies
Economics
English (Advanced)
Studies of Religion II

Lee, Hans

History Extension

Lising, Josiah

Mathematics
Mathematics Extension 1

Maher, Lyndon

Modern History

Melzer, Adam

Music 2
Music Extension

Morgan, Robert

Mathematics Extension 1

Mowad, Nathan

English (Advanced)

Murphy, Jack

English (Advanced)
English Extension 1
Modern History
Studies of Religion I

Panetta, Jayden

Design and Technology

Phillips, Francisco

Ancient History

Rath, Matthew

Design and Technology

Rayner, Luke

Mathematics
Mathematics Extension 1

Rigby, Benjamin

Mathematics

Ross, Matthew

Mathematics

Ross, Stewart

Mathematics
Mathematics Extension 1

Rozos, James

Software Design and Development

Saba, Anthony

Business Studies
Legal Studies

Sapuppo, Anthony

Mathematics Extension 1

Shafford, Liam

Business Studies
English (Advanced)

Silvanian, Alex

Mathematics
Mathematics Extension 1

Solanki, Deven

English (Advanced)

Timbrell, Scott

Music 1

Warn, Declan

Mathematics

Weller, Montgomery

Modern History
Studies of Religion I

Yiannakoulis, Kristopher

Ancient History
Studies of Religion I

St Pius X College students achieving the Top 2 bands

Subject	St Pius X College Top 2 Bands (%)	State Top 2 Bands (%)	Difference
Engineering Studies	85.70	37.33	48.37
Information Processes & Technology	80.00	32.03	47.97
Design and Technology	66.66	35.98	30.68
Modern History	72.50	43.65	28.85
Industrial Technology	53.33	26.52	26.81
Ancient History	58.81	32.60	26.21
Business Studies	59.64	35.43	24.21
Studies of Religion I	74.73	50.87	23.86
Studies of Religion II	63.63	39.96	23.67
History Extension	100.00	78.14	21.86
Legal Studies	60.00	39.67	20.33
English Extension 2	100.00	82.32	17.68
English (Advanced)	74.40	57.41	16.99
Chemistry	57.89	41.05	16.84
Mathematics General 2	40.00	25.64	14.36
English (Standard)	20.40	8.31	12.09
Music 2	100.00	88.02	11.98
Software Design & Development	41.66	30.35	11.31
Biology	35.71	27.96	7.75
Music Extension	100.00	93.15	6.85
Physics	35.13	28.75	6.38
English Extension 1	100.00	94.08	5.92
Visual Arts	58.82	53.46	5.36
Mathematics	56.09	52.89	3.20
Personal Development, Health & Physical Education	32.14	29.62	2.52
Geography	42.30	41.30	1.00

St Pius X College mean marks compared to State

Subject	St Pius X College	State	% above State mean
Information Processes & Technology	84.28	72.36	16%
English Extension 2	45.60	39.54	15%
Ancient History	82.11	71.34	15%
Industrial Technology	78.87	69.94	13%
Engineering Studies	84.29	75.00	12%
Design and Technology	85.33	76.25	12%
History Extension	43.07	38.64	11%
Legal Studies	83.08	74.60	11%
Modern History	83.27	75.29	11%
Software Design & Development	81.07	73.53	10%
Studies of Religion II	79.78	74.20	8%
Mathematics General 2	73.62	68.64	7%
Studies of Religion I	40.85	38.49	6%
Physics	77.03	72.66	6%
Business Studies	77.88	73.65	6%
Music Extension	46.10	43.60	6%
Music 1	84.90	80.60	5%
English (Standard)	70.53	67.10	5%
Biology	74.65	71.13	5%
English (Advanced)	83.27	80.43	4%
Mathematics	80.62	77.89	4%
Geography	76.36	73.85	3%
English Extension 1	43.21	41.80	3%
Chemistry	78.31	75.81	3%
Visual Arts	81.53	79.21	3%
Economics	77.19	76.12	1%

College Dux Ben John and high achievers Ben Kinchington, Matthew Harris and Matthew Buskariol share their insights into what helped them achieve their HSC success, their top tips for younger students and the importance of co-curricular activities.



Ben John, College Dux

"I focused on the Humanities – English, History, Drama and Religious Studies – and the guidance and learning from my teachers was excellent. Having the structure and support of the College and staff around me, including that of a great Year 12 group, was critical in getting me through what was an incredibly challenging time.

My foremost message (to younger students) is that you should do what you really enjoy as subjects and what you have a passion for. It makes it significantly easier if you have a real interest and enthusiasm for your chosen topics. Everyone studies in different ways so the earlier you find out your most productive manner the better. For me it helped to alternate between rigorous isolated study and joint study under exam conditions.

I was lucky as one of my chosen subjects was Drama which, while involving a lot of work, gave me a creative outlet. Another was Music and playing guitar, which helped me relax and take my mind off things for a while. I played football for the College 1st X1 Football team and I cannot stress enough the importance of exercise and sport towards a healthy mind and body."



Ben Kinchington

"I think that the dedication of my individual teachers throughout the entirety of Year 11 and 12 to ensuring we were well prepared was probably the most significant contribution the school made to my success.

I believe the most important thing to realising individual potential in the HSC is to do the subjects you enjoy. For both the HSC and more generally I think it is important to try and understand a concept when it is first taught. If you don't understand something seek clarification – this means when it comes to study you only have to remind yourself of concepts not try to learn them for the first time.

In Year 12 I was involved in squash and leadership duties at school. Outside of school I played touch football. These were really important to me as they were opportunities to completely forget about any HSC related pressures or stress. I found these were important to maintain a balanced lifestyle and refresh my mind on a regular basis."



Matthew Harris

"St Pius X College helped me achieve my HSC success through its highly dedicated, knowledgeable and helpful teaching staff allowing me to engage with my subjects in ways that my friends from other schools had never heard of. The emphasis on exam preparation leading up to the exams really kept my stress levels down and going into the exams I especially felt that the school had done everything that it could have done to prepare not only myself, but the whole cohort for the HSC ... I am proud to say that I don't think I could have done as well as I did without Pius.

My top tip for doing well in the HSC is to do subjects that you like to do and are interested in. If you are interested in something the work becomes so much more easy and engaging and you'll find that you will do very well. Another tip I have is to get enough sleep. Set a rule to go to sleep at a certain time no matter what and you will be able to do so much more work during the day and of an afternoon without staying up past midnight grinding out essays or maths equations. My final tip to the younger boys is to find a balance between study and real life as burning out from too much work right before the Trials or the HSC is not something you want to happen.

During my HSC year I was primarily involved in Debating which was probably the most important and favourite activity to partake in outside of school. Debating and Mock Trial allowed me to develop the much needed critical thinking and analytical skills required for high achievement in the HSC and into the future."

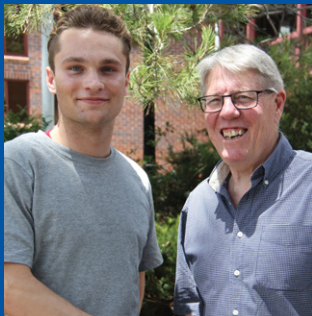


Matthew Buskariol

"The exceptional teachers played a significant role in helping me achieve my results ... also the administration staff and the entire community at Pius helped me do well by making every day school life great. Finally, the competition of the other students allowed me to peak and perform to my best throughout the entire year.

My top tips for younger students are: DO PRACTICE ESSAYS. Make sure you do as many as you can ... Listen to your teachers. Start early, and make sure you put in the whole year, do not just leave it until the final weeks. Finally, study before school in the mornings, and stay back after school. A Wing is a great place to study, and this becomes a domino effect where everyone puts in the hard work because they see others doing it. Take initiative and academically lead from the front."

Striving for Excellence – Congratulations to the Class of 2015



College Dux Ben John
with Mr Couani



ATARs over 95



Tyran Collins received an Accounting
Cadetship working full time with
Ernst & Young (EY) and studying
Commerce at UNSW.



Liam Carroll received an Early Entry Scholarship
to Macquarie University through the Global
Leadership Program to undertake a Bachelor of
Business Leadership and Commerce.



1st XI ISA Champions. Nick McCamley, 1st XI
Captain, was also ISA 1st XI Captain and
St Pius X College Sportsman of the Year.



James Brannan (2015 Basketball
Captain and College Vice-Captain)
at the Water Ceremony during
National Reconciliation Week



Alex Drake now playing
football with the Central
Coast Mariners



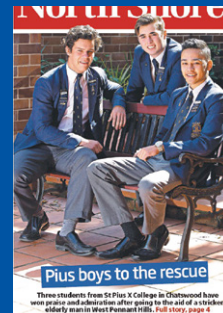
The College's inaugural drama class – Isaac Capra,
Dante Bernard, Ben John, Calum Fitzsimons
and Jack McCutcheon



Fraser Toohey, 2015 College Captain,
started an initiative when he was
in Year 9 to send exercise books to
overseas agencies including in East
Timor. Since then more than 2,500
have been collected.



Class of 2015 celebrating their HSC results



Nick McCamley,
Francisco Phillips and
Chris Keyes



Year 12, 2015 included the largest group of musicians ever involved in College bands, orchestras, choirs and ensembles.
Pictured: Adam Melzer, Scott Timbrell, Tyler Jarvis and Robbie Morgan.



Robbie Szafranek has received a
scholarship for Scottish Piping
and Drumming to travel to
Scotland.



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