From the Principal

This week’s prayer comes from the College Board Meeting on Monday evening where we focused on the Catholic life of the College and its commitment to the pastoral care and wellbeing of students.

In this month of Mary we are reminded by Pope Francis in ‘the Joy of the Gospel’ that there is a Marian “style” to the Church’s work of Catholic education. Mary inspires our work of pastoral care. As Pope Francis writes, “Whenever we look to Mary, we come to believe once again in the revolutionary nature of love and tenderness. In her we see that humility and tenderness are not virtues of the weak but of the strong who need not treat others poorly in order to feel important themselves.”

Let’s pray together this Marian prayer, based on a prayer by Pope Francis:

Mary, our Mother, moved by the Holy Spirit,
you welcomed the word of life in the depths of your humble faith:
as you gave yourself completely in response to God’s invitation.

Help all who lead and teach at St Pius X to say their own “yes”
to the urgent call, as pressing as ever,
to proclaim the good news of Jesus.

Obtain for us now a new passion born of the resurrection,
that we may bring to all the Gospel of life which triumphs over death.

Mother of love, of listening and contemplation,
pray for all in St Pius X College and the Church,
that we may never be closed in on ourselves
or lose her passion for establishing God’s kingdom.

Help us to bear radiant witness to communion,
service, committed and generous faith, justice and love of the poor,
that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the earth,
illuminating even the fringes of our world.

Mother of the living Gospel,
wellspring of happiness for God’s little ones, pray for us.

Amen. Alleluia!

St Pius X: Pray for us
Blessed Edmund Rice: Pray for us
Live Jesus in our hearts: Forever
STUDENT LEAVE – ADDITIONAL HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME
Parents need to be informed that The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES) have advised all schools that holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. A Certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose.

When applying for additional absence from school, parents will be advised that taking students out of school for a holiday is considered as “unjustified absence and therefore recorded as A”. This is the clear direction of BOSTES.

RUGBY CLUB DINNER – OH WHAT A NIGHT!
Congratulations and thanks to David Bullard (President of the Old Boys’ Association and President of the SPX Rugby Club) and to Rosemary Murphy (Ben, Year 12) on a highly successful and extremely enjoyable evening last Friday night at Roseville Golf Club. The College thanks the committee, parents and especially the sponsors for their great support of the College. Our students will benefit from the funds raised and the spirit of the evening was invigorating.

Our special guest speaker, former Wallaby Captain Stirling Mortlock, and our MC, former Wallaby Fly Half Rod Kafer (parent of Sam Year 9 and Ben Year 6), entertained the gathering with some insights into the Australian Rugby world. Also in attendance were the parents of current Wallaby Captain and St Pius X College Old Boy Michael Hooper, and Wallaby and Melbourne Rebels player Luke Jones who is also proudly a product of the College.

SCHOOL SURVEY
Parents are reminded to complete the School Survey which has been emailed to all families. We really take note of what you have to say and have worked on various areas highlighted from last year’s survey. All your feedback is important.

Mr John Couani

From the Assistant Principal – Mission and Identity
Year 10 spent last Friday at Oxford Falls in the second of their Reflection Days. It is a time for our boys to stop and reflect about their journey and the importance of building strong relationships along their way. Brett Hunt provided the boys with an entertaining but powerful message about the importance of building relationships. Our Prayer for the day centred on the boys building bridges and finding “Good Shepherds” in their life. The power of the Reflection Day really helped our young men reflect on the important relationships they have in life with family, friends and their God.

Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, which was also celebrated last Thursday in some countries around the world. The Ascension of Jesus’ body and soul into Heaven might seem like a strange concept in today’s world – but this Feast Day actually has a much more powerful importance than we might think. Brother Julian McDonald CFC, explains the significance of the Ascension in our life today, that I share with you:

“Jesus was so confident in the power of God’s Spirit that he took the risk of entrusting the mission he started to the apostles who, in their turn, passed it on to those who succeeded them. And through countless generations of Christians it has now been firmly entrusted to us. So the feast of the Ascension is every bit as much about us as it is about Jesus!

It is a reminder to us of our dignity, our responsibility, our duty as disciples of Jesus.
We’ve all had the experience of apprenticeships of one kind or another. For most of us, they were things like learning to drive, preparing to give a public speech, practicing for a play or a musical performance, qualifying ourselves to teach children, readying ourselves to pursue our chosen profession.

Almost every human endeavour requires specialist preparation. But eventually the time comes when the planning and preparation cease, and we are launched into action. For the eleven apostles that launching time came on the Mount of the Ascension. That was the moment when Jesus, who had spent three years sharing with them all he had learned about God, entrusted to them the task of spreading the compassion, the love, the mercy and forgiveness of God to everyone they would encounter.

That’s quite a challenge. But Jesus trusts that, with the assistance of God’s Spirit, we, too, will be equal to that very same challenge.”

We welcomed Captain Spence from the Salvation Army to our College Assembly on Monday who addressed our boys about the work of the Salvation Army in helping people in times of need. Captain Spence then invited our students to volunteer to collect for the Red Shield Appeal on Sunday, 30th May.

We are very pleased to have a large representation who have volunteered to help on this day for such a great cause. A big thank you to Mr Adrian Brannan for his organisation behind our charitable works.

Mr M Casey

Trial of Email Alerts for Parents of Absent Year 7 Students
This week St Pius X College is trialling an email protocol whereby an email alert will be sent to the parents of any Year 7 student who is marked absent from school in morning administration.

The email asks parents to contact the school regarding the absence if there is any doubt as to the student’s whereabouts, and to provide a written note explaining the absence at the first opportunity.

Such emails and SMS messages are common practice in many schools for the purpose of student protection and maintaining attendance records as required by law.

Please take the time to update your email and mobile phone contacts with the College Administration on 9411 4733 so that we can progressively roll out this protocol across all year groups.

Mr Sean Brannan - Head of Student Services

From the Business Manager
EDMUND RICE FOUNDATION
I am delighted to announce that 207 Pius families have so far this term collectively contributed a generous $10,350 to the work of Edmund Rice Foundation. We for the first time included a wholly voluntary and fully tax deductible donation amount on the Term 2 fee statements. More may yet come in, however, this exceeds the collection of $7,875 when John Couani wrote to you all in May 2014. The Foundation will issue the tax deductible receipts in due course.

These contributions will facilitate gifts of education to poor and disadvantaged children across the world in places such as Papua New Guinea, East Timor, South Africa and Kenya. I invite you to visit the Foundation website at www.erf.org.au to read for yourself the great stories of how the Foundation has helped families in these countries. You can also see their thank you flyer in Woodchatta Extras.

Mr A Ballesty
Your P&F In Action!

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YEAR 5 PARENTS NIGHT OUT - This Friday!
Calling all Year 5 Mums and Dads! A great night out at the Willoughby Hotel takes place this Friday @ 7.30pm. RSVP to class parent Amanda at amandanicey@hotmail.com and download your flyer here

YEAR 8 MUMS NIGHT OUT - Friday 29 May
Year 8 Mums are invited to a Middle Eastern Banquet and plenty of conversation and fun at Tarboosh in North Willoughby this Friday week! All the details are here and you can RSVP right away to daniela@etuaustralia.org.au

YEAR 6 PARENTS NIGHT OUT - Saturday 6 June
Book your babysitters and come to the Willoughby Hotel for a catch up over a few drinks and some nibbles. When: Saturday 6th June from 7pm. Cost is $25 per head which includes finger food and a complimentary drink on arrival. Book your spot now www.trybooking.com/134961. Details here. Any questions please feel free to email Jane at school@canaryyellow.com.au

YEAR 8 BOYS ARVO OUT - Friday 5 June
Lock and load Friday 5 June at 4.40pm for the boys at Mandarin Strike Laser Tag! Only $10 for unlimited combat - just RSVP to daniela@etuaustralia.org.au by 1 June. Details are here.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES: The Minutes from the P&F General Meeting last week are available for review here.

Steve Johnson - SPX P&F Secretary / Communications

MindMatters for Families

MINDFULNESS: Our Senior students, together with some of the Year 12 girls from Mercy College, are receiving the benefits associated from Mindfulness training with Mr Paul Jozsef each Wednesday morning over the next four weeks. More feedback next week.

STUDENT EMPOWERMENT MENTAL HEALTH FORUM: Parental Assistance Required Friday 12 June at Oxford Falls
St Pius X College is hosting the lower North Shore Youth Mental Health Forum, “Empowering Young Minds”, on Friday 12 June at our Oxford Falls Facility from 9.00am until 3.00pm. We are hoping to have several hundred students attend this forum, and as a result, we will require a band of parents to assist with the organization on the day.

If you are able to assist either in the morning (9.00 – 12 noon) or afternoon (12 noon – 3.00pm) or perhaps even all day, then could you please make direct contact with me via email (rrusso@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au) and advise your availability. Assistance will also be required at school in the morning to help prepare the lunch packs for our visitors. Perhaps some parents might prefer this option to help out from 8am in our canteen.

This Forum provides an opportunity for young people from different schools across Sydney to engage in a number of activities including sessions with guest speakers (including John Brogden and our Premier, Mike Baird), a Q&A Panel and a brainstorming activity. It is hoped that some of the outcomes of the day will include a greater awareness of current initiative in the area of Positive Wellbeing and further inspiration for promoting this supportive culture in our schools.

I hope you can consider supporting this special event.

Mr R Russo – College Counsellor
on behalf of Ms J McCarthy, Ms R Mowle and Mr S Brannan (the Organising Team)
Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

It is the winter season with many of us enjoying playing winter sports: rugby, football, tennis and those who can afford it will be going skiing. However, not everybody is looking forward to winter; more than 110,000 people are not safe, happy or warm. There are an increasing number of people living on the streets with hardly enough to sustain them each day. This year and last we experienced some extreme weather. Winter in Sydney has had temperatures as low as 2 degrees and when wind chill is added the streets become bitterly cold.

Please help us help the homeless. At home please check your cupboards for surplus clean blankets. Year 9 will collect the blankets during homeroom.

It is time that we practice what we preach, and our goal is to collect more than 300 hundred blankets to assist people in need. The blankets will be going to St. Vincent De Paul and the Matthew Talbot Hostel. We appeal to everyone to bring in a blanket. As a little incentive, for every two blankets an individual student brings in, they will be given a McDonalds voucher.

Let’s warm our hearts by donating blankets for the homeless, and the blankets we give will warm theirs.

Year 9 Edmund Rice Society

Performing Arts News

MEALS ON WHEELS MOTHERS’ LUNCH
Congratulations and thank you to the Senior String Quartet, Robbie Morgan (Year 12), Tom Enriquez, Matthew Ross and Stewart Ross (Year 11) for giving up their lunchtime last Wednesday to perform at this luncheon. Your music was very much appreciated by the guests.

I’M WITH CUPID!
Tickets are now on sale through trybooking: http://www.trybooking.com/124492 There are only a limited number of seats available for performances on the 9th, 10th and 11th of June, so you will need to purchase early to avoid missing out. A flyer with all details can be found in Woodchatta Extras. You will need to bring a print out of your ticket to the performance. Please note the performances start at 7.30pm NOT 7.00pm as previously advertised.

YEAR 9 PERFORMANCE NIGHT
Students in the Year 9 Elective Music Class will be presenting an afternoon of music on Thursday 28th May, commencing at 5pm in the Band Room. Parents and friends are warmly invited to attend.

AMEB RESULTS
Congratulations to the following students and their instrumental tutors on these recent results: Oliver Tysoe (Year 8) Credit in Grade 3 Flute, Daniel Mooney (Year 8) Credit in Grade 3 Clarinet, Patrick Johnson (Year 7) Credit in Grade 3 Clarinet and Liam Kinna (Year 6) Honours in Grade 2 Saxophone.

INSTRUMENT PRACTICE
The Directors of the various ensembles in the College have brought to my attention the noticeable lack of instrument practice by students in their groups in recent weeks. Boys are reminded that no position in a Band or ensemble is permanent and students will be moved to a more junior group or removed from the ensemble altogether, if they are not able to competently perform the repertoire.

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Coordinator
All Year 12 students had the opportunity to attend the Northern Beaches Careers Expo on Thursday 14th May. The Northern Beaches Careers Expo is an annual event which offers young people the opportunity to investigate options for when they leave school.

It was a valuable experience allowing the students to explore a range of future options. Representatives from universities, private colleges, TAFE, apprenticeships and industry were available for students to discuss and explore their options with. Many students left the Expo feeling optimistic about career and university prospects for next year.


Ms D Janes – Careers Adviser

**Debating & Public Speaking**

Congratulations to the following teams: 12B, 11A, 11B, 10A, 10B, 9B & 8B for a win in last Friday’s debates against Gilroy College, Castle Hill. A special congratulations to Nic Carr of Year 7 who debated up as a Year 8 in the 8 team. Well done!!

Congratulations to ALL teams for a wonderful effort and for your exceptional behaviour on the 1.30 minute mystery tour bus trip. I need to apologise to parents for the late commencement time. Our driver was not familiar with the area and we did have a bit of a tour through Castle Hill. The students were brilliantly behaved and have left many households in Castle Hill wondering where the beautiful singing came from - Ms Bates would be sooo proud.

ROUND 6: This Friday evening 22 May 2015 St Pius X is travelling by coach to St Patrick’s College, Strathfield. We will complete training from 3.15 to 4.45pm. At 4.45pm we will travel by hired coach to St Patrick’s College, Strathfield. At least two teacher coaches, with the support of our senior debaters, will travel with students on the coach. There will be NO TIME for any debaters to buy their dinner so everyone needs to bring an extra sandwich and a drink on both Fridays and students can have their supper during training before we leave.

A permission letter was sent home last week. Parents will need to collect their son from St Patrick’s College, Strathfield NEXT FRIDAY 22ND MAY. The best entrance for pick up is from Francis Street, Strathfield, Phone: 9763 1000 for contact at the school BEFORE 4pm. We are planning for coin toss between 6-6.15pm so debates should commence around 7 - 7.15 pm and the evening conclude between 8 - 8.15 pm. Could parents please collect students by 8.15 pm.

Results from this Friday will determine which teams may move through to the finals rounds of the CSDA competition.

June 19 - Quarterfinals of Debating (This is the last night of term for private schools)

TERM 3:

July 17 - Semi-finals of Debating

July 24 - Finals of Debating – Pius is hosting so all debaters will need to be present.

Ms M Waterson - Convenor
**Year 12 Physics Kickstart**

On Monday the 18th of May, 38 Year 12 Physics students attended a day of practical experiences at Sydney University. The students participated in a range of mandatory experiments including but not limited to projectile motion, making and measuring the speed radio waves, levitating magnets, measuring the different energy levels of light, the photoelectric effect and the famous “null” result experiment to prove the existence of the ether (Michelson and Morley).

After a brief tour of the Physics building and an update on the newly opened Nanotech building, the students were mentored by a range of postgraduate students. These students are working in areas both varied and diverse including such areas as improving semi-conducting materials and plasma propulsion systems for interplanetary spacecraft.

A big thankyou to Mr de Silva and Miss Mowle for organising the day and to the students that represented the College with distinction. The quality of the responses from the mentors about our student’s knowledge and understanding was commendable.

*Mr P de Silva – Physics Teacher*

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**Study Advice**

Here is a brief summary of what students were told by Matthew Harris, Academic Prefect at the Monday Assembly:

A few boys have asked me to talk about how to remove distractions from their study, allowing them to get into their work faster and more efficiently. Here are a few tips on how to get rid of those nasty distractions!

1. Try not to listen to music while you study. Most kinds of popular music today actually distract your brain from the work you are doing meaning that you retain less information in the long run. Listening to music while studying also increases the time you will spend trying to get things done which can become problematic when trying to juggle assessments and other commitments. Save time and energy by trying to be in complete silence while studying.

2. Try to find somewhere you can be away from your family and TV at home to do your homework and study. Sitting near the TV or a busy family area is only going to hinder your study, so find a nice, mess-free place to do your work and just by doing this alone, you’ll get into a good, consistent habit of study.

3. Mobile phones and video games can be extremely hard to resist especially at home when Facebook is buzzing and your friends want to play PlayStation with you. The main thing is to keep them out of sight - out of mind. Put your phone in a drawer or even better give it to your Mum or Dad to take care of while you do your homework and then get it back once you’re done. As Ben, Tyran and myself have said before, you’ll often find that removing distractions like phones and games will allow you to complete your homework and study in less time! Which means more time to chat on Facebook or play PlayStation with your mates when you’re done.

4. Finally, none of these tips will work unless you get enough sleep. Sleep is probably the most important factor when it comes to effective study as your brain cannot function properly while tired. The amount of sleep you need really depends on each person but most people are recommended to sleep for at least 8-10 hours a day in an established pattern.

*Mr T Cunneen – Studies Coordinator*
Chess

The draw for this Friday 22nd May can be found in Woodchatta Extras.

Ms D Ramsay and Ms J Dempsey - Convenors

Homework Help

Homework Help will be held every Tuesday to Thursday inclusive after school from 3.15pm - 4.00pm in the Senior Resource Centre. Students are to be actively engaged in school work, reading or study. All ages and levels of ability are welcome to attend, so come along and take advantage of the service.

Ms S Blanchard – Special Education Teacher

From the Junior School Resource Centre

A BIG THANKYOU TO OUR P&F FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS

Author, John Larkin has returned to St. Pius for creative writing workshops, thanks to the generous support of the P & F.

Students in Year 5 have had the opportunity to discuss creative writing ideas and develop techniques that capture the reader’s imagination. This is of great value for our students, as the boys were able to commence and write their own narratives.

Mrs E Martin – Junior School Teacher Librarian

Games Night at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Forestville

The Catholic Parish of Frenchs Forest invites all students in Years 7-12 to a Games Night for teenagers and young adults on Sat 23rd May, from 7-9pm, after the 6pm Youth Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 9 Currie Rd, Forestville.

There will be Music Games (Spicks and Specks style), Charades, Pictionary, Theatre Sports and more. All games will be played in teams. Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends. Come along and get to know other young people in the parish. Pizzas will be served after Mass, but please bring some drinks or snacks to share.

Please RSVP to Andrew Ballesty on andrew@ballesty.com OR to Annette Spooner on annette@netsavvy.com.au

Mr A Ballesty – Business Manager
Senior School Sport

ISA CODE OF CONDUCT: The ISA Code of Conduct can be found in Woodchatta Extras.

FOOTBALL

Dear Parents and Players,

Congratulations to all teams on an incredibly successful weekend. The results were nothing short of sensational across the board against strong Oakhill teams. Team of the week goes to the 13C side for a thumping 6-0 victory. Player of the week was a standout - the 15B’s won their game 5-2 with Harry Crnek scoring all 5 goals!!

This weekend we are mostly at home fixtures again against a combination of St Spyridon, St Patricks and Oakhill. Walsh, Watkins and Chaplin 2 fields are located at 1 Dreadnought Rd, Oxford Falls. BC Oval is located on Old Northern Rd, Castle Hill. Good luck to all teams.

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Mr S Yue - Convenor

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Mr S Hopley - Convenor

For all rugby information and news you can go to the Rugby Club News in Woodchatta Extras.
RUGBY DEVELOPMENT

“Getting the balance right”

We almost had a clean sweep of wins on Saturday. Spare a thought for our 14As. We nearly have enough players to run two teams. At the moment the coaches are rightly ensuring everyone gets game time from a growing squad. Hence it is hard to get a “team” performance with constant changes to the on field side.

Elsewhere we had wins across all age groups. Our enthusiasm to play is unrelenting and it is our real X Factor. We now need to consider two areas to improve our team performance.

1. Over use of the pick and drive invariably leads to turn overs. It happens at Super 15 level. So we may need to consider more variety in our play and fewer pick and drives. There is a difference between pick and drives and close quarter forward play with off-loads and numbers in support, keeping the ball going forward.

2. Communication between 9 and the forwards and 10 and 9 needs to be clear and concise. Varying the point at which we attack the opposition defensive line is important, especially as we build up pressure through phase play and question the defence.

The ISA competition starts this week and we have some tough games at Greg’s this weekend, so we need to focus hard on the basics this week at training. Lower body tackling and line speed in defence will put maximum pressure on the opposition attack.

Coaching point: Our players love the challenge of playing each other in the same age range, i.e. 16As v 16Bs at training. I’m sure both the coaches and the players get a lot from this approach. It doesn’t have to be for all the session but 20 min “performance blocks” can really work well and are very game related. I’m all for them.

Player coaching point: “If you find yourself in open space with the ball, from any situation, just pin your ears back and accelerate into the nearest space”. Don’t hesitate just do it!!

A final thank you to all who organised and attended the Rugby Dinner. This is a really important event on the school rugby calendar AND a thoroughly enjoyable one.

Lots of good individual performances on Saturday. Here are three very good ones: Ryan Price, Nicholas Biviano and Corey Johnson. Train well!

Mike Penistone – Rugby Development Officer

ISA TENNIS

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(Div 2, 6, 8, 10 – Games washed out)

There was some decisive matches in Round 3 with ALL teams rallying for each point and making sure each game counted. Special mention this week goes to our Division 9 team - Jamie Alexander, David Ko, Bertie Johnston and Zach Bull, for very decisively winning every one of their games.

Round 4 will see SPX play St Andrew, Oakhill, Barker and Oxley this week. See the draw below. Let’s keep up the great match play and keep our fingers crossed that no games will be rained out this week. Students and parents are reminded that when playing at our home courts you are expected to bring a small plate of suitable food to share with the opposing team we are hosting.

Absences: Any student who is unable to play MUST notify the Tennis Convenor or their coaches ASAP so that SPX can field teams in all divisions on a Saturday. It is too hard to try and find players to play-up at the Friday morning Tennis meeting. Please notify Ms O’Brien (jobrien@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au) or Ms Colefax, Black or Kugananthan as soon as you are aware of a proposed absence.

Wet Weather: The Tennis Convenor will notify all players as soon as there is information about any match cancellations. Please make sure that you check your phones for messages so you don’t make an unnecessary trip to a cancelled game. Wet Weather details will also be able to be accessed via the SPX Senior Sport Twitter Account (https://twitter.com/SPXSeniorSport) or the school website (http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/beyond-classroom/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=80).
**BOXERCISE FOR FITNESS & FUN**

Boxercise is available for all students every Thursday and Friday morning at 7.30am in the College Gym. Please contact Mr Russo if you have any queries.

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**Junior School Sport**

**Thursday Sport:** on at Oxford Falls. Rugby, Football and Tennis training continues. A program for the remainder of the term follows:

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**Athletics:** The Junior School House Carnival takes place on Tuesday 2nd June at the Sydney Olympic Park Warm-up venue, Homebush. Parents are of course invited to attend as spectators or in an assisting capacity (ribbons / recording etc.). A detailed letter and program will be emailed to parents shortly.

**Dance Program:** Our four week program commences Thursday 28th May as part of sport at Oxford Falls. A team of external coaches present a contemporary program culminating in a House Dance Performance on Thursday 18th June, followed by afternoon tea for parents in the Curtin Room. Boys need to wear their House coloured shirts. Please note the early departure times on two of the sessions and the subsequent need for students to have a packed lunch:

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Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster

Tennis: Most teams were lucky enough to get their tennis in despite the weather. Unfortunately our Pius 2 team against Knox 2 at The Glade Oval was washed out due to the morning showers. Well done to all our boys who played.

Just a reminder that there are only 2 or 3 boys in each team and it is imperative that they all turn up each week. If your son is sick, please text myself or Mrs Spanyik so we can arrange a replacement.

For the next three rounds, Mrs Spanyik will manage our home teams at Talus St. I will be looking forward to seeing some more next term. Good luck boys!

Mrs B Barrett

Uniform Shop

TRADING HOURS – MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 8.00AM – 1.30PM

Orders can be placed via the College website [http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/facilities-resources/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=83](http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/facilities-resources/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=83) or by phoning the shop on 9414 4339 or by sending an email to uniformshop@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au.

Parents are reminded that the Uniform Shop also sells second-hand school uniforms.


Mrs D Muirhead – Coordinator

Canteen Roster

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDMUND RICE FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA

People tell us that they want to be a part of the community of life, part of something which makes their own life better and makes the lives of others better.

Individuals want to know they can be involved in bringing the smile to the face of others, a smile that says “it’s great to be alive”, a smile that they can feel themselves. People read and want to celebrate life.

Edmund Rice Foundation is the conduit between this desire to connect and make lives better and the lives of the disempowered and impoverished. Thank you for helping the Edmund Rice Foundation to make connection between this desire to make lives better for the most disempowered and impoverished people in the world.

Edmund Rice Network of Schools: working hard in hand with Edmund Rice Foundation to liberate lives in Australia, the Philippines, East Timor, PNG, Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, South Sudan and Sierra Leone.
ISA CODE OF CONDUCT

Preamble
The ISA seeks to uphold high standards of personal conduct consistent with the ideals of competitive sport and within the best tradition of collegiality amongst independent schools.

The pursuit of excellence in games and the enhancement of positive educational experiences for all students are of paramount importance to the ISA approach to sport. ISA schools are expected to place the highest priority on players’ safety and to ensure that Coaches, Officials and Administrators are fully aware of the ISA Code of Conduct as well as the particular rules and safety requirements in their sport. ISA schools are also expected to provide the necessary facilities in regards to the provision of First Aid and support for injured players. The following Code of Conduct outlines the spirit of the Association and serves as broad guidelines for all who participate in games conducted under the aegis of the ISA.

ISA DIVERSITY STATEMENT
The Heads of member schools of the Independent Sporting Association are committed to the inclusiveness of the diversity of our schools and to all who participate in competition as players, officials or spectators. The Association embraces the right of every individual to be respected absolutely.

The Independent Sporting Association recognises and affirms the right of each individual to respect within our competition and we embrace the ethnic and religious diversity of our students, their teachers and their schools.

The Association does not tolerate discrimination explicit or covert towards anyone involved in competition; neither does it countenance vilification of players, officials, parents or spectators and will act decisively in any instance where such unacceptable behaviour occurs. Further, the Association reserves the right to impose sanctions on any school, their players, spectators or officials where a proven incident of discrimination or vilification is not addressed adequately.
GUIDELINES FOR COACHES

1. Students must perceive that the sporting programme of the School is consistent with the educational aims of the School. The role that coaches play in this is crucial. Coaches should be aware of their responsibility as role models in insisting on proper attitudes both on and off the field and by making games attractive, safe and enjoyable for students. All participants are deserving of equal attention and opportunities. (Level of breach: 1, 2 or 3)

2. It is imperative for coaches to be clear on the standards associated with amateur sporting ideals. Coaches must always be ready to combat those views widely expressed in the media that run counter to the spirit of the amateur ethic. (Level of breach: 1, 2 or 3)

3. Coaches should recognize that games are for enjoyment, and satisfaction comes from doing one’s best for the team. (Level of breach: 1, 2 or 3)

4. Coaches should develop in their players respect for the judgment of all officials (umpires, referees, touch judges, etc) and be particularly careful to reflect this in all public expressions of opinion. (Level of breach: 2 or 3)

5. The home coach should welcome the visiting coach, and encourage the Captain of the team to seek out the visiting Captain. (Level of breach: 1)

6. Coaches should be reasonable in their expectations of the players and in their demands on the players’ time and energy. They should be sensitive to the age, skill and physical maturity of their players. (Level of breach: 1 or 2)

7. It is an educational responsibility of coaches to acquaint their players thoroughly with the rules or laws of the game as these provide structure and order. For this reason, coaches should continually update their knowledge of the game, and schools should ensure this occurs. (Level of breach: 1)

8. The role of the coach is to support and encourage the players. Criticism should be focused on the mistake and no personal derogatory remarks should be made. There should be no recriminations in defeat. (Level of breach: 1 or 2)

9. Where it is permitted under the rules of the game, all coaching from the sidelines must be restrained, tactful, and infrequent and substantially out of earshot of spectators. In all cases however, the role of the Coach should be understated rather than overstated. (Level of breach: 1, 2 or 3)

10. Coaches should warn those players who are losing their composure and becoming too physical, and if necessary remove them from the playing arena should such warnings not be heeded. (Level of breach: 2 or 3)

11. Coaches should not encroach on the court or field of play except in exceptional circumstances. (Level of breach: 1 or 2)
1.12 Coaches are to accept player safety as an essential priority and correct techniques are to be insisted upon. Under no circumstances are matches to start or to continue under conditions which a coach considers contentious, e.g. the absence of an appropriate umpire or referee; or an unsafe playing surface. *(Level of breach: 1 or 2)*

1.13 Coaches must notify their Sports Convenor if any student from a team is sent off. The student(s) must be supervised by a school official after being dismissed from the field, and disciplined subsequently according to the custom and practice of the member school. It is the general rule that students will be suspended for at least one game or similar penalty as outlined by the rules for individual sports. *(Level of breach: 1)*

2 GUIDELINES FOR PLAYERS

2.1 Players are expected to be modest in success and generous in defeat, not showing in either case undue emotion. Players are also expected to acknowledge, willingly and openly, good play by either school. *(Level of breach: 1)*

2.2 Players should be wholehearted in their approach to games, and should adhere strictly to the letter and the spirit of the rules or the laws. The referee or umpire’s decision is, of course, final and the Captain of the team is the only one who may ask for clarification of a decision. *(Level of breach: 1 or 2)*

2.3 Players shall never resort to unseemly or abusive language. *(Level of breach: 2 or 3)*

2.4 Players should be punctual and well turned out. The home team – and in particular the Captain – should welcome the visiting team and its Captain. At the conclusion of the game, referees, umpires and other officials (scorers, touch judges etc.) should be thanked. *(Level of breach: 1)*

2.5 Players should not applaud the opposition’s mistakes. *(Level of breach: 1 or 2)*

3 GUIDELINES FOR SPECTATORS

3.1 Control of spectators is the responsibility of the school official with whom the spectators are associated. Spectators are not to approach or address game officials or any of the opposing players, spectators or officials. Genuine concerns should be addressed to their own school official who will determine any action to be taken. *(Level of breach: 1 or 2)*

3.2 Barracking should be enthusiastic and positive, but not designed to heckle, denigrate or unsettle opponents. For example, barracking during a free throw or a kick at goal and so forth is always bad sportsmanship. Similarly, sledging is totally unacceptable. Barracking should be for the
School only. Negative comments are totally unacceptable. Positive comments are motivational. (Level of breach 1 or 2)

3.3 Good play by either team should be recognized by applause.

3.4 It is never right to express disapproval of a referee or umpire’s decision, irrespective of his/her age. (Level of breach 1 or 2)

3.5 Vocal support for any team should never encourage violence or rough or illegal play. (Level of breach 2 or 3)

3.6 Coaching by spectators from the sideline is to be actively discouraged by the school official with whom the spectators are associated. Spectators shall not interfere with the progress and/or conduct of a game, including encroaching on the field. (Level of breach 1, 2 or 3)

3.7 Adults must remember that games at school level are organized for the benefit of the students concerned and not for adults.

3.8 Visitors to the grounds should co-operate fully with any regulations or requests made by the home school, such as car parking, seating, dressing rooms and the placing of spectators. At all times visitors should leave the area tidy and free of rubbish when they leave. (Level of breach 1, 2 or 3)

3.9 Adults, parents, students and others are expected to set an example by their self-control and deportment at matches. (Level of breach: 1, 2 or 3)

3.10 Normally alcohol should not be consumed at ISA fixtures. (Level of breach: 2 or 3)

4 GUIDELINES FOR OFFICIALS

4.1 Officials will seek to compliment and encourage all participants. (Level of breach: 1 or 2)

4.2 Every effort must be made to be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions. (Level of breach: 1 or 2)

4.3 Officials are expected to condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents. (Level of breach: 1 or 2)

4.4 In the management of the game, it is important to emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors. (Level of breach: 1 or 2)

4.5 As appropriate, officials will encourage and promote rule changes that will make participation more enjoyable. (Level of breach: 1 or 2)

4.6 All officials will model the highest standard of sportsmanship. Behaviour and comments should be exemplary. (Level of breach: 1 or 2)
4.7 Officials are expected to keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people, consistent with the educational purpose of ISA sport. \(\text{(Level of breach: 1 or 2)}\)

4.8 The safety and welfare of the participants is the primary concern for officials. \(\text{(Level of breach: 1 or 2)}\)

4.9 Consistent with the precepts and practice of the ISA, officials will seek to give all young people a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion and encourage others to do the same. \(\text{(Level of breach: 1 or 2)}\)

5 GUIDELINES FOR ADMINISTRATORS

5.1 Consistent with the educational purpose of ISA Sport, administrators will endeavour to involve students in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision-making related to the activity. \(\text{(Level of breach: 1 or 2)}\)

5.2 All students should have equal opportunities to participate. \(\text{(Level of breach: 1 or 2)}\)

5.3 Students shall be encouraged to explore pathways for participation and involvement players but also as coaches, referees, administrators etc. \(\text{(Level of breach: 1 or 2)}\)

5.4 Remember that students participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not overemphasise awards. \(\text{(Level of breach: 1 or 2)}\)

5.5 Coaches and officials are expected to highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development; administrators will create opportunities to improve the standard of coaching and officiating. \(\text{(Level of breach: 1 or 2)}\)

5.6 Administrators will seek to ensure that everyone involved in ISA school sport emphasises fair play and the quality of games, not winning at all costs. \(\text{(Level of breach: 1 or 2)}\)

5.7 This code of behaviour shall be promulgated to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players and the media, along with the expectation that it be adhered to. \(\text{(Level of breach: 1 or 2)}\)

5.9 Administrators, above all, must embody the values, behaviours and practices they expect from others, as expressed in this Code. \(\text{(Level of breach: 1 or 2)}\)
Appendix

Guideline for

Breaches of Code of Conduct

A. Suggestions for preventing/dealing with breaches
   Education programmes on the Code of Conduct be given a high priority
   within member schools, especially to ex-students, parents, students and
   staff through the most effective means of promulgation and promotion.

B. Responsibility for follow-up action:
   1. Minimum Level Breach - dealt with by MIC of School Sport or
      Head of Sport.
   2. Medium Level Breach - dealt with by Head of Sport.
   3. Major Level Breach - dealt with by Head of Sport and Head of
      School.

C. Level of Breach and suggested action:
   • Coaches
     1. Minor Offence: Talk with Coach and identify the problem. Warn
        against continuation of practice
     2. Medium Offence: Counsel and seek assurance of compliance
        with ISA Code of Conduct. Coach is held under supervision until
        the school involved deems him/her satisfactory
     3. Major Offence: Removed from position. Excluded from future
        ISA fixtures as a coach.
   • Players
     1. Minor Offence: Warning and identification of the offence by MIC
        of Sport, Head of Sport, Coach or Manager.
     2. Medium Offence: Withdrawn from that game. Junior players are
        dealt with by the Head of Sport. Senior players are to be dealt
        with by the Head of School. The student is not expected to play
        the next ISA competition game.
     3. Major Offence: Out for season. Player loses eligibility for ISA
        representative teams in that sport that year. Parents are to be
        notified and interviewed with the student.
   • Spectators
     1. Minor Offence: Talk with spectator and identify problem.
        Warn against continuation of practice.
     2. Medium Offence: Asked to leave field/or that fixture. School to
        follow up and inform ISA on subsequent action. Spectators who
        show remorse shall be allowed to attend subsequent fixtures.
        Those who do not, or who re-offend, shall be excluded from ISA
        fixtures
     3. Major Offence: Asked to leave field and not to attend any
        further games.
Officials and Administrators
1. Minor Offence: Talk with Official and identify the problem. Warn against continuation of practice.
2. Medium Offence: If applicable, removed from position. Do not engage for future ISA fixtures.

Guidelines
Level of Breach

Minor Offence:
- Verbal but unthreatening
- Bad sportsmanship

Medium Offence:
- Repeat of minor offence
- Verbal and threatening
- Repeated bad sportsmanship

Major Offence:
- Repeat of above medium offence
- Physical violence or threat of physical violence
- Racial vilification
“I’m With Cupid”

“SOMETIMES CUPID TRADES HIS BOW FOR A TRAP!”

7:30pm, 9 - 11 June 2015, The Sarto Centre
TICKETS $15 - http://www.trybooking.com/124492
## CHESS DRAW FOR FRIDAY 22nd MAY 2015

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FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

Great results against Oakhill on the weekend almost a clean sweep. Hope you all received the first Results Round-up - it is on the website for those who didn’t.

Thanks to those parents who contributed last week; we are getting a great response - please keep it up.

Each week we profile 3 teams to encourage those teams to send in photos - that doesn’t mean every other team can’t also send in their photos!!

This week’s teams of the week are 13A & 14B & 16A - so if you have a boy in one of these teams get snapping.

Send your photos to footbalspx@gmail.com - save this to your phone and upload those photos as soon as you take them. We need the photos in by Sunday afternoon.

We are having a FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT DAY on Friday 10th July, last day of the T2 holidays - 9:30-1:30. Great way to get the boys’ minds back in the game before the season resumes.

$55 including transport from Chatswood to Oxford Falls.

Full details and booking info available soon.

The FULL SENIOR CALENDAR OF MATCHES is now on our webpages as well - there are no times as they are only confirmed week to week.

We wish all our teams good luck this weekend -- GO PIUS!!


Rodger Paino
RUGBY CLUB NEWS

MATCHES LAST WEEKEND – Trial #5 vs Sydney High
Great results across the age groups on the weekend, congratulations to all the teams.

MATCHES THIS WEEKEND – ISA Round #1 vs St Gregory’s, Campbelltown - AWAY
This weekend we commence our competition proper against St Greg’s. All games and parking are located within the school grounds. Google map Link: https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/ST+Gregory's+College/@-34.039531,150.787362,15z/
Good luck to all teams!

RUGBY CLUB DINNER 2015
What a great night last Friday - a big congrats to organiser Rosemary Murphy and her support team for another seamless and highly successful evening!

Special guest Stirling Mortlock provided thought provoking insights and story’s to keep us well entertained, and the rugby tales grew wilder throughout the room as the night progressed.

The committee’s special thanks to the best MC in the country Rod Kafer; his ongoing support each year is priceless to the success and fun of the event. Also a big thank you to our supporters, in particular to Mr Jason O’Connor for all the printed material (Snap Eastwood).

We thank everyone who purchased tickets and dug deep for the auctions & raffles on the night, securing vital funding for our boy’s rugby future.
**SPX v St STANISLAUS, away at Bathurst, Saturday 25th July**
As part of the ISA competition, each year SPX travels to either Bathurst or Orange. Parents and supporters always enjoy the opportunity to socialise by staying for a night or two. Due to unforeseen circumstances all accommodation that suits SPX is unavailable due to a large event coinciding with our visit.

We have arranged a great alternative in beautiful Blackheath, in the heart of the Blue Mountains and all that the area offers.

Please refer to the attached Flyer for details and make your booking.

**MOUTHGUARDS - LANE COVE DENTURE CLINIC**
Nicholas Ivey (SPX Old Boy) is offering a 10% discount for all SPX students (and their family members) for professional, custom made, slim line mouthguards for all sports, which are now available at his Lane Cove Denture Clinic. Each mouthguard is tailored to the player's activity and dental care needs, including accommodating and protecting existing orthodontic appliances, such as braces. On-site health fund rebates are also available. Phone Nicholas at Lane Cove Denture Clinic on 9411 1179 for an appointment.

**TEAM/AGE GROUP MANAGERS**
All SPX teams will need a parent to act as Team/Age Group Manager to support the Coaches. The Managers will co-ordinate any assistance required by the Coaches by way of:
- communication with parents and players about arrangements for training/games; and/or
- any support needed on game days when the Coaches are busy warming up and preparing the boys for their games e.g. if any assistance is required to get parent volunteers to organise water bottles, act as touch judges etc.

Please contact me if you can assist your son by acting as a Team/Age Group Manager this season.

**KEY DATES IN 2015 FOR SPX RUGBY SUPPORTERS**
Please note the following dates in your diaries – more details will be communicated closer to the dates:
- Saturday 23 May – ISA Round 1 vs St Gregory’s (Away)
- Term 2/Term 3 Holidays
- Opens Rugby Tour (Queensland) –
- Depart Sun 5th July, Return Sat 11th (Games Mon, Wed, Fri)
- Friday 24-Saturday 25 July – Parents & Supporters Trip to Bathurst - refer attached Flyer for accommodation options
- Saturday 15 August - P&F Trivia Night
- Tuesday 18 August – Rugby Presentation Night

For more information on everything SPX rugby, please refer to the Rugby Club website:
http://pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au/sports/rugby-club

David Bullard - SPX Rugby Club – 0491 119 113
rugbypresident@pandf.spx.edu.au

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Please check the Woodchatta each Wednesday afternoon for any changes to venues or start times which may arise during the course of the season.
SPX RUGBY WEEKEND AWAY – 24-25 JULY 2015

COMFORT INN - REDLEAF RESORT

13-17 Brightlands Avenue, Blackheath
Phone: 47878108
www.redleafresort.com.au

- 13 Queen rooms 1-2 people (1 queen bed) $115.00 per room
- 13 twins 2-3 people (1 double and 1 single) $130.00 per room
- 16 family rooms 3-4 people (1 double and 2 singles) $150.00 per room
- 2 (spa 2 bedroom suits) 6 people (1 queen in one room, 2 singles in other room & 2 sofa beds in lounge area) $190.00 per room
- 1 room (108) 5 people (1 queen in one room & 3 singles in the other room) $165.00 per room
- 1 room (109) 4 people (1 queen in one room & 2 singles in the other room) $155.00 per room

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER: 2 course meal
$25 per person 2-12 years
$35 per person 12 years and up

SATURDAY BREAKFAST: full buffet includes hot and continental buffet
$14.00 per person 2-12 years
$19.00 per person 12 years and up

Phone and book accommodation with the Resort as soon as possible as these 46 rooms will book out quickly. When booking ensure you mention that you are from SPX Rugby

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
ROSEMARY MURPHY: rugbyevents@pandf.spx.nsw.edu.au
(0411664308)
SPX RUGBY – YULEFEST PACKAGE

Winter 2015 at the Comfort Inn Redleaf Resort

Come to the Blue Mountains & enjoy the Wonder of Winter. During the day enjoy activities that the Blue Mountains have to offer and then relax and celebrate the magic of Yulefest at The Comfort Inn Redleaf Resort!

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

$115.00 Queen or twin share for 2 people
$90.00 adults & $55.00 Children under 12
• Traditional 5 course Yulefest Dinner
• Entertainment, Decorations and Bon Bons
• Visit & Gift from Santa
• Full Buffet Breakfast $19.00 per person

The Yulefest package is available for Dinner on the 4th and 25th of July 2015
Other dates available for groups over 25 pax dinner or lunch

To celebrate Yulefest, make your reservation now.

Comfort Inn Redleaf Resort  Evans Lookout Road Blackheath  NSW 2785
Phone: (02) 4787 8108  Fax: (02) 4787 8907
reservations@redleafresort.com.au
OLD BOYS NEWS

NEW OLD BOYS WEB SITE
The new Old Boys web site is currently under construction and it is hoped that it will be launched very soon. Stay tuned!

OLD BOYS NEWS
If you have some news for the old boys that you would like included in this section, please let us know at; info@oldboys.spx.nsw.edu.au

SPX OLD BOYS RUGBY – BROTHERS RUGBY CLUB SYDNEY

BROTHERS RUGBY – SEASON 2015:

Brothers Rugby Lunch in the City go to www.brothersrugby.com.au for more information

Good luck to all teams this weekend.

Training – Roseville Chase Oval, 6.45pm Thursdays.

To get involved with your old boys rugby club, go to: www.brothersrugby.com.au

David Bullard (’82) – President SPX OBA & Brothers Rugby
info@oldboys.spx.nsw.edu.au
0491 119 113
GENERAL NOTICES

➢ WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

Keep the chill out of your relationship this winter with a weekend together. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Give the greatest gift, that of your time alone – to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!

2015 Weekend Dates:
19-21 June
11-13 September
13-15 November

Venue for Weekends: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

To apply contact: Ardell & Bill Sharpe Tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

www.wwme.org.au www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit

If you would like Worldwide Marriage Encounter brochures or a flyer forwarded to you, or if you request further information or to ‘unsubscribe’ please email – sdrobbinswy@gmail.com

Thank you for your support of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Movement.
In the love of Our Lord, our sincere thanks,

Steve & Debbie Robbins and Fr Mick Court, Unit Coordinators and Ecclesial team
Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Australia – Eastern Unit www.wwme.org.au

➢ WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM AUSTRALIA

Are You Interested In Different Cultures?

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Hosting exchange students gives Australian families the opportunity to share their life and their culture with young international students for a term, semester or year. July is fast approaching and our students can’t wait to hear from a welcoming host family they can call their own and learn about the place they will soon call home.

Meet Our Students:

Armelle (17) from Belgium loves sports! She tells us that she dances twice a week, participates in a fitness class on Wednesdays and is beginning gymnastics classes. She also goes to scouts with her friends on Saturday mornings. Armelle is looking forward to discovering Australia, seeing the new landscapes and speaking English with her new host family!

Gianni (17) from Italy has a wide range of interests and hobbies. He tells us that he is interested in sports, especially martial arts and basketball. He also likes to collect fossils, model airplanes, is passionate about history and travel and is very excited about being able to share his culture and learn about Australia.

Hosting Is Fun! Request Student Profiles!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today on 1300 884 733, info@wep.org.au or www.wep.org.au to receive a full information pack for your family.
SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Learn About Yourself!
As Marcel Proust, a late 19th Century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in July 2015 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one term, one semester or two semesters from France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Denmark. They will attend a local High School, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive health insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. To enquire about becoming a volunteer host family visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustralia@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles and capture the spirit of family and friendship.