From the Principal

Social Justice Statement

At the conclusion of the Founder’s Day Festival the College launched its Social Justice Statement which has been developed by the College Student Leaders, Edmund Rice Society and Staff.

As a faith community in the Edmund Rice tradition:

We believe that we are all created in the image and likeness of God.
We believe in a Gospel Spirituality that is the foundation for all our relationships with others.
We believe in the principles of Catholic social justice: equity, access, dignity, participation and human rights.
We believe in Liberating Education and its power to provide awareness and opportunity for all members of society to build a better world.
We believe in an Inclusive Community which is accepting and welcoming, fostering right relationships and committed to the common good.
We believe we are called to action by the Church and by following the example set by Edmund Rice to “Give to the poor in handfuls”.
We believe in stewardship of the environment, as we owe a duty of care to live in a safe, clean and healthy environment for present and future generations.
We believe in Indigenous Reconciliation and work for unity and solidarity with Indigenous people.
We believe in Justice and Solidarity and that we are called to work for peace, stand against injustice, support the poor and fight for a more just society.
We believe in the power of the whole College community – students, staff and families - to work as advocates for justice in society, and the responsibility on all to help those in need.
The Founder’s Day Festival last Friday, amidst the scorching heat, was certainly a great day of celebration for our College. The day saw our college raise their awareness of social justice issues, particularly in this year of “Liberating Education”. We were enthralled again by Zaki, an Afghanistan refugee, along with Sean Loughland, an Immigration Lawyer, liberating and educating us in the process of seeking asylum.

Our Year 11 Leaders shared their hopes for the pursuit of social awareness in our college and we were well entertained by the varying talents of our Staff and Students in performance of comedy, music and dance. Among many great workers from our Year 11 students, special praise must go to our MCs for the day, Nic Lelli, Huw Manson and Sam Calamos, who juggled the demands of the show to ensure an enjoyable day of entertainment. Also a big thank you to Liam Houlihan, who certainly rallied the Senior Students superbly on the day.

Congratulations must go to a great team of helpers, starting with Mr Blake, who was the spearhead of the day’s planning and organisation. We also must pass on a huge thanks to Ms Bates, Mr Cummins, Mr Cahill, Mr Brannan, Mr Whelan, Mr Batchelor, Mr Hollis and Mr Twyman who all played significant roles in the day’s success. They were ably supported by fellow hardworking staff as well as our Year 11 students who all ensured a most successful day.

Due to the generosity of Mr Emad Berro, Mr Guy Russo and Kmart, MaryAnn Back and our team of parents, along with our presenters, Zaki and Sean Loughland, we were able to raise funds to see the support of our partnerships with St Mary’s Bowraville, St Joseph’s Walgett and Callan Services, PNG continue. The generosity and support of all from the Pius community is greatly appreciated as we ensure to never forget those in need.

As a positive follow up to our Social Justice based Founder’s Day Festival on Friday, the College was honoured on Monday to host Br Kevin Ryan who leads Callan Services in Papua New Guinea. Over recent years St Pius X has developed a solid partnership with Callan Services with proceeds from our Social Justice fundraisers being donated to improve the lot of young people living with disabilities in PNG through the work of the Christian Brothers and Edmund Rice Education.

Last year our Kokoda Expedition visited Callan Services Gerehu in Port Moresby to witness the work in this area and strengthen the bond between St Pius X College and this important Outreach program. Mr Couani and Mr Casey subsequently toured several of the Callan Services Centres to consolidate the link. Mr Tom Pembroke’s North Channel Swim from Ireland to Scotland in October this year raised a further $30 000 for Callan Disability Services.

After receiving proceeds from our Founder’s Day Festival and thanking the College at assembly, Br Ryan spoke with groups including our Year 5 students, who this week will attend the Kokoda Track Memorial at Concord, our Edmund Rice Society for Social Justice, Student Prefects and Kokoda Expedition 2016 participants, on the work done to educate young people in the 19 Callan Services Centres across PNG. We plan in 2016 to complete an immersion program with an advance party of our Kokoda Expedition Team spending time working at Callan Services and other Edmund Rice initiative programs in Port Moresby.

On Friday evening the 20th November the College hosted the OLD Parish Dinner. We congratulate the parish on this outstanding occasion and thank the College Senior Jazz Band conducted by Mr Geoff Power, the Year 10 students who served food at the event, Mr Tom Pembroke who was a special interviewee on the evening. A great evening was had by all with funds being raised for Social Justice and for WYD 2016. Congratulations and thanks to all.
CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Ms Anne Gripton (History/Legal Studies Coordinator) who was presented with an Outstanding Professional Service Award last night at the Professional Teachers’ Council NSW evening. This is due recognition of Ms Gripton’s expertise and commitment to education.

ST PIUS X COLLEGE GIVING TREE
The season of Advent is close upon us as a time to reflect and prepare for the joy of Christmas. Not all families are as privileged as the majority of our students, many going without, as the rest of us celebrate. The Christmas Giving Tree was launched at Monday’s assembly in response to our need to reach out to our indigenous brothers and sisters in communities we support at Bowraville and Walgett. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to give. These gifts may be the only present some of these children receive this year, and the joy that they bring, will help to foster a sense of inclusive community, which is at the core of our message of Social Justice.

We stand in solidarity with the poor and this means celebrating the season with a generosity that Pius students always support to the best of their ability. Please encourage your boy to participate in buying a gift for both a boy and a girl – labelled with the appropriate age.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL
YEAR 9 are leading the food appeal to go to our local St Vincent de Paul families. Very little has come in to support this appeal. Christmas is one of the peak times of the year where many individuals and families experiencing hardship turn to Vinnies for support. Christmas is also one of the times of the year where St Pius X generously supports the community through non-perishable food donations.

Each morning Year 9 boys collect items from each homeroom.

Please give generously.

SPX 2015 CHRISTMAS CARDS
The Annual College Christmas Cards will go on sale from next week, in packs of 10, at the Uniform Shop. These cards have been designed by Year 7 students and depict the Star of Christmas, encompassing all that Christmas means to us.

They are available in boxes of 10 from the Uniform Shop, at a cost of $15.

Mr John Couani

From the Assistant Principal – Mission and Identity
As Advent begins this Sunday, we see our preparation for the celebration of the Birth of Christ draw near. To mark this occasion we appeal once again to the incredible generosity of the Pius community in supporting the following campaigns. Year 7 have launched our Annual Christmas Giving Tree, where we invite people to donate presents for the children of St Joseph’s Primary School, Walgett, St Mary’s School, Bowraville and to the Eddie Rice Camps.

If you are able to send a present, please indicate on the card whether it is suitable for a boy or girl and age bracket (5-7, 8-10, 11-12 years). This has been a great tradition between St Pius and our respective partners and we appreciate any contribution you are able to make.
We are also collecting again suitable donations for the men of the Matthew Talbot Hostel to go into their Christmas hampers. The organisers are targeting donations of the following gifts that can be placed in the hampers around the nativity scene in our foyer:

- Toiletries (in particular deodorant and shaving foam)
- Men’s underpants and socks (various sizes)
- Packets of playing cards and puzzle books
- Inexpensive wallets (e.g. from $2 shops or Woolworths)
- Caps
- Key ring Torches
- Men’s Handkerchiefs
- Small packets of lollies
- Small writing pads and pens
- Environmentally friendly shopping bags to put the gifts in (e.g. the green ones)

And finally, Year 9 have launched the Annual St Vincent de Paul’s Christmas Appeal, inviting donations of non-perishable goods to ensure hampers can be made up to deliver to the needy of our society.

We really appreciate any support you can give to any of these three campaigns.

Today (25 November) is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Violence against women persists in every country in the world. Such violence is unacceptable, whether perpetrated by the State and its agents or by family members or strangers, in the public or private sphere, in peacetime or in times of conflict. As long as violence against women continues, we cannot claim to be making real progress towards equality, development and peace.

The first International Day was marked in 2000 and an important focus of the day is to encourage the role of men, in championing non-violence. The symbol of the day is a white ribbon, to be worn by men for the whole day as a statement that they support the campaign to stop men’s violence against women. Our young men embraced this cause with the wearing of a white ribbon in supporting and acknowledging this most important need in life.

Beatitudes for Women:

Blessed is she who suffers with the very young,
   The very old and the very lonely,
       For she has compassion.

Blessed is she who greets the world with joy,
   Laughter and anticipation,
       For she has courage.

Blessed is she who speaks gently, lives humbly,
   And chooses to give freely,
       For she has dignity.

Blessed is she who listens and hears,
   And extends her hands as a friend,
       For she has understanding.

Blessed is she who gives simply, loves deeply,
   And walks joyfully in life,
       For she has sincerity.

Blessed is she who lives intensely
   And sings life’s alleluias,
       For she has awareness.

Blessed is she who has compassion and courage,
   Freedom and dignity,
       Understanding, sincerity, and awareness,
       For she is a woman, a gift, a blessing.

Mr M Casey
From the Assistant Principal – Teaching and Learning
YEARS 7 TO 10 SEMESTER ONE ACADEMIC REPORTS
Teachers are now well in the process of finalising grades for Semester Two reports for students in Years 7 to 10. Evidence of student’s learning is being collated and will be used to determine levels of achievement.

As stipulated by BOSTES, a standards-referenced approach is used for assessing and determining student achievement in Years 5 through to 12.

In standards-referenced assessment, the achievements of a student are reported using the A to E Common Grade Scale which will appear on the Semester Two Academic Report.

Reports will be available on the Parent Portal towards the end of the final week of Term 4 and a printed copy will then be sent in the mail.

If you would like to discuss your son’s report with a specific teacher or Subject Coordinator, please contact them directly at the college on Monday 7th of December.

Please check you can log into the Portal to ensure you can access your son’s report.

Please contact me at the college on 9414 4307 or adamo@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au if you have any general queries regarding your son’s report.

Mr A Damo

Your P&F In Action!

P&F AGM MINUTES: The P&F held its AGM a few weeks ago. The Meeting Minutes and latest P&F Financials can be found here.

TRIVIA NIGHT - FUNDS DISTRIBUTED: The Trivia Night was a great success in mid-August - thanks again to everyone who contributed to the event. In the next week, the net funds raised from the Trivia night will be distributed to the Rugby, Football, Basketball and Cricket Clubs, as well as the Performing Arts Parents Association. They will each receive just over $5,000.

Nadine Robson - SPX P&F Secretary / Communications

Performing Arts News

FOUNDER’S DAY FESTIVAL
Thank you to all students who helped make the two performance sets on this day a great success. Particular thanks to Mr Stephen Cummins, Mr Liam Cahill, Liam Kivijian, Nicholas Wellard, Tom Benson and Nicholas Parker (Year 11) for their tireless efforts behind the scenes, ensuring that all audio and staging requirements ran seamlessly.

PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER
Thank you to the Senior Jazz Band under the direction of Mr Geoff Power for their contribution to the entertainment at this dinner. Two lively sets had the audience on their feet, dancing to well-known tunes.

TWILIGHT CONCERT
The final concert for the year is THIS Friday 27th November, commencing at 5.00pm in the Junior School playground. All ensembles will be performing, including the Drama Ensemble. Additionally, there is a special combined Orchestra/Senior Concert Band/Senior and Junior Choirs item, as well as traditional Christmas carols to finish the night. We will be experimenting with a new configuration for presenting the concert, which we are hoping will limit the number of “set-ups” during the night. The Performing Arts Parents Association will be manning the barbecues and there will be a Christmas raffle. Please join us to celebrate the end of another satisfying and busy year for Performing Arts at St Pius.

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRIZE DAY
The Junior Choir and Junior Jazz Band will be performing at this event NEXT Thursday 3rd December at Oxford Falls. The students will travel to and from Oxford Falls with the Junior School and will return to the College in time for dismissal at 3.15pm. Those Junior Jazz Band boys who are in Years 7 and 8 should wear their summer uniform and ensure that they bring recess and lunch.

BAND ROOM
The roof of the Band Room is being replaced over the holidays. Consequently, all students must ensure that they take their instruments home on or before the last day of term. There will be NO ACCESS to the Band Room from Monday 7th December.

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Coordinator
Year 7 Giving Tree

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 7 students have the special responsibility each year to run our St Pius X Christmas Giving Tree Charity event. Every year ALL students, from Years 5-11, are asked to bring in two Christmas gifts for our giving tree. In the spirit of Christmas giving - these gifts are taken to underprivileged communities at Bowraville and Walgett, and given to indigenous children.

As such we are asking for your help in helping those less fortunate in our communities. We truly hope every student will contribute.

We are asking for two small, wrapped gifts;
- one labelled for a boy, one labelled for a girl
- please indicate the age group: 5-7; 8-10; 11-13

We are also asking that the boys themselves, if possible, raid their own savings to buy these gifts. So they feel like they are actually contributing.

We pray that our young indigenous brothers and sisters may know the hope and joy, that is, what this season of advent and Christmas is all about.

With thanks.

Mr P Ticli – Year 7 Guidance Coordinator

Modern History Lecture at Shore School

On Tuesday, 17th November, a group of Year 12 Modern History students were fortunate enough to hear Professor Gary Sheffield lecture on Allied Victory in World War I at Shore School. This was a wonderful opportunity, as Professor Sheffield is an internationally renowned historian who has written over 20 books on the subject.

The lecture he presented was challenging and detailed, and the students’ pens were flying as they took valuable notes. His angle was slightly controversial, claiming that German defeat was inevitable, but he presented a compelling case. He was gracious with his time after the lecture, answering students’ questions about the War and the role of the historian. All in all an amazing evening.

Ms A Gripton – History/Legal Studies Coordinator

From The Science Department

Science Bootcamp (must be in Year 8 or above in 2016)

Dates: Tuesday 19 January - Wednesday 20 January 2016
Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Venue: CSIRO North Ryde
Cost: $250 for 2 day course

A unique chance to go behind the scenes of Australia’s premier research agency, CSIRO. In this program, you will:
- Visit CSIRO research laboratories - see the latest research in action.
- Participate in discrete lab experiences - act as a forensic investigator.
- Attend researcher presentations - meet the scientists behind the news headlines.
- Challenge yourself with open-ended investigations - design and craft your own amplifier to take home and receive further instructions to continue your investigations.

Booking are essential as places are limited. For more information and to register go to: https://events.csiro.au/Events/Science-bootcamp-Syd

Ms J Black - Science Coordinator
Careers News

UAC (University Admissions Centre) Participating Institutions Information
This site includes institution-specific information about all institutions that you can apply for through UAC. This information includes admission requirements, special requirements, bridging courses, charges and fees, student services, and facilities.
http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/institutions/

The Careers Newsletter can be found at

Ms D Janes – Careers Adviser

Homework Help

***Homework Help has a new home until the end of the year***

Due to the upcoming renovations and closure of the senior library block, the Homework Help program has relocated to:
- Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons - Junior School Library, and
- Thursday afternoons - top of A Wing.

Homework Help is held every Tuesday to Thursday inclusive after school from 3.15pm - 4.00pm. 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 J Raheb-Mol – Coordinator, Learning Support and Enrichment

Junior School News

Farewell: Most of the Junior School know but senior school parents may not be aware that Ms Rebecca Noonan and Mr Andrew Scanlan will be leaving the college to go north to Brisbane. I would like to thank Ms Noonan for her 9 years and Mr Scanlan for his 8 years at the college. Thanks for all the good work they did with the boys and we wish them all the best as they start a new stage in their lives in Brisbane. Mr Scanlan is going to work at another EREA school, St Patrick’s College, Shorncliffe.

Aquatic Program: This is the last week of our Aquatic Festival and next week we have the Prize giving presentation.

Year 5 Kokoda Memorial Excursion: Thankyou to Mr Brannan for organising the Kokoda Memorial Excursion this Friday. As per the letter emailed home and on the Year 5 parent portal, the boys come in their summer sports uniform and bring their morning tea, lunch and a drink bottle. Please remember a hat! Any boys involved in the twilight concert will need to bring their summer uniform to change into for the concert unless they are going home before the concert.

Junior Prize Giving Presentation: Our Junior School prize giving day will be held at Oxford Falls on Thursday 3rd December at 12 noon. We will acknowledge sports that have not already had a prize giving night. They are swimming, athletics, cross country, chess, debating, tennis, softball and basketball. We will also acknowledge the Academic endeavours of the boys with subject and class RIDE ET LABORE awards, the PB Wilson award and the scholarship winners. Boys wear their full summer uniform on this day, not their sports uniform.

Founder’s Day last Friday: This was an inspirational day, listening to Zaki, an Hazari asylum seeker from Afghanistan. His family was persucuted because they are a minority group that looks different, and because they value an education. All Zaki is striving to do is to get an education and to become a useful member of society. The amount each boy comprehends/remembers is different so it would be worth a conversation with your son about racism and also the value of an education. Sometimes we take things for granted in Australia. The concert, Pius Has Talent, was a lot of fun with several junior boys bravely getting up to dance, sing or tell jokes. Well done!

Reports: Reports will be mailed before the end of next week. If there are any queries, the staff will be at school on Monday, Tuesday and part of Wednesday.

Year 6 PLDs: The Year 6 PLDs will be decommissioned next week as per the letters sent home and on the Year 6 parent portal.

Mr T Long – Head of Junior School
Senior School Sport

BASKETBALL

It was another big day at Oxford Falls on Saturday and once again I have to thank all the people who have helped at games. The ISA season will continue in Term 1 of 2016. Round 7 games are on the very first Saturday back in term 1, Saturday 30th January.

All D teams will be travelling to Bathurst on Saturday 30th January. There will be a bus travelling to Bathurst. It will leave from Anderson St at 6:45am and should be back in Chatswood around 4:30pm.

Game of the Day: The 14As won their first match of the season by the enormous margin of one point over a team that beat them by twenty points in Round 1. Great work.

Play of the day: The bus to Bathurst broke down twice, once in Chatswood and the other time in Bathurst. Fortunately for us the driver was able to fix the bus and get us back under way.

Deserves a mention: The firsts were well beaten by St Stanislaus’ at Bathurst. Well done to all teams for their efforts during the first half of the season. I hope players will find time to practice over the holidays so we can start back next year on the front foot and keep the momentum going.

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Mr N Gibson - Convenor

CRICKET

ISA Round 6 – Saturday 21 November 2015. 1st XI 6/190 (M Magee 76, H Heaney 49) in 50 overs were defeated by St Stanislaus’ College 7/191 (N McDermott-Healey 3/39) in 49.5 overs at Oxford Falls.

What a great game of cricket! Unfortunately the result didn’t favour SPX. Winning the toss and electing to bat the 1st XI came up against the best bowling attack so far this season. Max Magee (76) and Christian King (19) blunted the SSC pace attack and pushed the score forward. Harry Heaney (49) maintained the momentum with the 1st XI posting a credible 6/190. Ned McDermott-Healey (3/39) opened the bowling with real fire taking two quick wickets supported by Luke Humphrey (1/36) with another. Unfortunately during the later over the SSC batmen were able to stay in touch with the total and were finally able to overtake the 1st XI total with one ball to spare.


2016 Christian Brothers Cricket Week – Queensland Tour. Over the period 10-18 January 2016 a combined 1st and 2nd XI squad will travel to Brisbane to compete in the 37th Christian Brothers Cricket Carnival.

This year there are 30 teams participating. The touring party comprises:

Alex Graffeo, Tom Graziotto, Matt Hall, Harry Heaney (vc), Luke Humphrey, Sam John, Matt Kennedy, Christian King, Max Magee (c), Ned McDermott-Healey, Nick Onslow, Pat Purcell, Tim Robertson, Will Roser and James White.

Green Shield. The A.W. Green Shield is the premier U16 Cricket competition is Sydney. Contested between Sydney Grade Cricket Clubs. This year the following student will compete: Joe Unwin (North Sydney DCC), Liahm Williams (Gordon DCC), James Brown (Gordon DCC) and Dermott Beattie (Gordon DCC).
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**NSTA TENNIS**

**News #7:** Last weekend was an exciting opportunity to bring the NSTA Term 4 Competition to a competitive close with Finals being held at Talus St across all Divisions. SPX Teams were very well represented with 16 of our 26 teams making Finals. As you would imagine there were some really tight matches on Saturday with many courts giving spectators and support crews some tense moments! Sets were very close often, with tie-break finishes across the courts.

Our players were competitive, but contained and quietly confident. Our tennis players at SPX are a group who get on with the match without drama and fuss – they are great representatives of the College and quiet achievers!

Particular success and congratulations to the following teams winning their Finals:

SPX 2, 5, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 19 and 22.

Presentations were made on the day, with Mr Couani and parents gathered. This boys will be acknowledged by the student body at a Sports Assembly.

A big thank you to players for their energy and to parents for their ongoing support. The staff coaches; Ms Meale, Ms Keighery, Ms Iwantani, Ms Schuster also need to be acknowledged for their support and encouragement of all our NSTA tennis players.

Have a great summer (of tennis) and we will continue on with a new NSTA Competition in Term 1 – parents and players already have the dates for this Competition; they were sent home on NSTA paperwork at the beginning of Term 4.

*Ms Sarah-Jane Grove - NSTA Tennis Convenor*

**BOXERCISE FOR FITNESS & FUN**

Boxercise is available for all students every Thursday and Friday morning at 7.30am in the Blue Room. Please contact Mr Russo if you have any queries.
Junior School Sport

**Thursday Sport:** Final session of the aquatic program tomorrow. Macquarie University Pool (Year 5) and Dee Why Surf Club (Year 6). Pick up time is 2.10pm for both venues.

**Athletics:** Those squad members who have not yet done so, please return any borrowed athletics singlets to myself ASAP.

**Basketball:** Can all players who have not yet done so, please return their basketball singlet to myself ASAP as the season is now completed. Those playing in 2015 will be re-issued a singlet upon returning in Term 1.

**Junior School End of Year Awards:** The End of Year Academic/Sports Award Ceremony takes place at Oxford Falls on Thursday 3rd December. Extra-curricular Pennants will be awarded to all students and sports awards, including the summer season trophies and major awards will be presented. I personally will be away with the Year 11 Snowy Hike but I’d like to pass on my congratulations to all awardees and thank all students for their fine contributions over the course of a huge year of sport.

*Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster*

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**Uniform Shop**

**TRADING HOURS – MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 8.00AM – 2.00PM DURING SCHOOL TERM**

The Uniform Shop will close on 2 December 2015 and will be open again on Thursday 21 & Friday 22 January 9am to 2pm

**Opening Hours for Week 1 of Term 1 2016:**

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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 sending an email to uniformshop@stpiux.nsw.edu.au.

- The new **College Rain Jacket** will be available from late March 2016.
- Parents are reminded that the Uniform Shop also sells second-hand school uniforms.
- **Blazer Buttons** are available from shop $2.00 each.


*Mrs D Muirhead – Coordinator*

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**Canteen Roster**

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FOUNDER’S DAY 2015
The 2nd X1 face the second half of the season with a significant challenge in front of them after losing momentum in their last two full matches, going down to defeat in the last contest before the holiday break to a resurgent Oxley College at Bowral on Saturday.

Having comfortably beaten their Southern Highland rivals at the start of the ISA competition in their initial three-match winning run, Oxley turned the tables on SPX in a 400 run-plus extravaganza that saw St Pius fall tantalisingly short of running down down the home side’s massive total - albeit one set on a small oval.

In fact, SPX never quite got to grips with the Oxley ground, conceding seven sixes after consistently bowling too short on a wicket on which the ball stood up short of a length and then failing to clear the boundary once in their own innings.

St Pius were sometimes guilty of failing to do the basics right with the ball and in the field - a disappointing outcome for the watching spectators who knew that a more consistent approach would have seen a different result as the subsequent run chase showed.

It was full credit, though, to Oxley who bounced back from the earlier defeat to post 8-216, having won the toss and elected to bat. With the ball taking late swing, SPX didn’t capitalise enough on the early conditions with the new ball until James Brown came on as first change and took two wickets in his first over - Matt Hall making his good, low catch at cow corner look easy followed by Tim Robertson’s smart, sharp take behind the stumps - to have Oxley 2-30 off ten.

However, St Pius failed to push home the advantage and some loose bowling and wayward fielding saw Oxley first advance to 3-99 and then 5-145 after Brown returned to pick up another two quick wickets and eventually finishing with 4-39 off ten while Matt Hall picked up the other wicket in his 1-30 five over spell.

Oxley then powered through with some big hitting and put on 90 in the last 13 overs to set their imposing score, despite Sam John opening his ISA wicket-taking account for the season with 2-44 off 10 overs and Dom Easy taking what turned out to be his last wicket for SPX in his eight overs for 34.

While large, the total was well within SPX’s batting abilities and despite losing skipper Joe Unwin in the very first over, Easy and Alex Graffeo settled things down and put on an excellent foundation of 70 for the second wicket before Dom fell to a good catch in the slips for 35. It was a welcome return to form for the SPX number three in his last innings for the college.

The loss of Graffeo and then Brendan Plummer with the score at 4-84 was a setback to the run chase and when Liahm Williams was out at 107, dismissed by an excellent caught and bowled, the task was getting increasingly tougher. But the middle and late order subsequently knuckled down and led, first by Alex Brislan and then by keeper Tim Robertson and Brown who forged an excellent 50 run partnership, SPX’s victory hopes rose again.
Robertson and Brown, in particular, played their best respective innings of the season, taking sharp and well-run singles and turning ones into twos, as they frustrated Oxley and started the home team’s nerves jangling. Robertson went on top score with a fine knock of 37 before he was out at 8-179 while Brown’s defiant innings ended six runs later after he was run out for an excellent 26.

It was then left to Sam John and Justin Porter to try to score the final 30 runs with still seven overs remaining - a task that they chipped away at until 193 when John was run out going for a tight second run. The fact that SPX left nearly five overs on the board showed that the target was still achievable even at the end and what’s more St Pius got that close without scoring one six - presumably one of the first times that a college team had scored nearly 200 runs without once clearing the boundary.

The defeat leaves the Seconds with a mixed track record halfway through the competition with three wins, two defeats and one match abandoned. The team now has more than two months off before the season resumes on January 31 with the first of their back-to-back matches against arch-rivals St Patrick’s. A win will be crucial in SPX’s bid for a finals slot at the end of February after stumbling following a very promising start.

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