From the Principal

PRAYER
God of peace and compassion, we ask your blessing on us as we build an inclusive community that recognises the value of every person because they are made in your image. Within our school let us create relationships that show genuine respect and care for each other so that we are able to grow as a community that values tolerance and understanding.

We pray that we are able to open our hearts more fully to those who are marginalised by society. May we stand in solidarity with them, ready to fight against oppression with faith, prayer and service so that they will have a voice that proclaims justice and acceptance.

WELCOME TO THE 2016 SCHOOL YEAR
A very warm welcome to all students, parents, staff and friends of the College for the 2016 school year. Our theme for 2016 is the Touchstone INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY. We will explore this touchstone throughout 2016 and our opening prayer calls upon us together. I look forward to a great year as the students return tomorrow Thursday 28 January for the first day of school.

This first edition of Woodchatta is really to give parents some details of the upcoming events for the first couple weeks for the year. Parents are asked to carefully note the major events in the busy start to the school year. A full edition of Woodchatta will be issued next Wednesday.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
As students arrive tomorrow they will be directed to areas as follows:
- Year 5 and 6 gather in the Junior school playground
- Year 7 gather at the big tree in the High School playground
- New students Year 8-11 meet Mrs Jennings on the student verandah
- All other students gather in the usual assembly points in the High School playground

Mr John Couani
From the Deputy Principal

Happy New Year and I hope all is well as we prepare for the commencement of the new school year this Thursday 28th January 2016 with our young men gathering at 8.37am. Senior School boys will meet in the main yard, and Junior School Boys will meet in the Gym.

I would also like to confirm the preparation needed by your son in returning/commencing the new school year on standard College Policy on Uniform, Hair and Grooming. Our young men are to return in the College Summer Uniform. Significant elements include black leather shoes that take a shine; long socks with garters (if wearing shorts); short-sleeve shirts that can be done up at the collar with the tie and shorts or trousers with a plain dark belt.

The College Uniform also includes the College Back Pack. The Sports Back Pack issued for sporting tours is NOT part of the College Uniform from Monday to Friday. It can be used on weekends or sporting tours.

Hair must be clean, tidy, gel-less, of natural colour, even grade and of a style and length unlikely to cause comment. Shaved sides with longer fringes hanging over the top and exaggerated parts are NOT permissible and your son will be sent home to remedy the problem. Visible jewellery (including piercing keepers) is prohibited.

These regulations are standard, ensuring our young men’s good self-discipline as we join together as one St Pius community.

The College Staff is in full preparation to welcome your son for the 2016 school year as we embrace the theme of Inclusive Community.

I look forward to working with you in guiding and educating our young men of St Pius X College.

Mr M Casey

Year 7 Parent Information Evening

MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY AT 7.15PM IN THE COLLEGE GYM

Please note that parking in the school yard will be limited as Years 5 to 7 Parents Information Evenings coincide.

During this information session you will be welcomed by the Principal, Mr John Couani. I will then outline most of the important information you will require for your son to enjoy a successful start to the year. A few issues I will be discussing will be:

- Our school mission and philosophy of education
- Academic issues
- Sporting and extra-curricular opportunities & requirements
- Lines of communication for you to contact the College
- Expectations with regard to behaviour, attendance and dress
- Bullying and the schools response to it
- Pastoral Care Programs
- Technology and the Student PLD’s

At this Information evening you will also receive a booklet of frequently asked questions and there will also be an opportunity for you to meet some key staff members at the College and ask them some specific questions over a cup of tea.

Mr P Stollery – Year 7 Guidance Coordinator

Student Travel

> SCHOOL OPAL CARDS

Please see the information in Woodchatta Extras regarding the introduction of the Student Opal Cards. Parents are reminded that new applications should be made online at transportnsw.info/school-students if they change address during the year, or need to register an additional address as a result of a dual custody situation. All applications are required to be submitted to the College for authorisation before being sent to Transport NSW.

A grace period applies at the start of each new school year, where school students who have been approved for SSTS travel can travel without a valid pass while new passes are being issued. Students must be in school uniform or be able to provide evidence (such as a school ID or school books) that they are travelling to or from school during this time.

> FOREST COACHLINES SCHOOL SPECIAL BUS SERVICE

Parents - please note that the 3.40pm Forest Coachlines School Special is now called the 293 (previously 273). It leaves at the same time and follows the same route.

Ms R Gaston – Student Travel
Performing Arts News

Welcome back to all students and parents. The Performing Arts Staff, Ensemble Directors and Instrumental Tutors look forward to working with you this year. We particularly welcome Ms Jessie Tu and Ms Felicity Whelan to the teaching staff.

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

Boys who would like to Learn an Instrument: Students who would like to learn an instrument, voice or music production, should pick up a form from the Student Administration Office. The form should be filled in and returned to Ms Bates in the Performing Arts Department as soon as possible. Please be aware that there are limited places available for many instruments. Consequently, students will be allocated to tutors on a first come, first serve basis and then placed on waiting lists.

New Students - Instrumental Tuition: All boys new to the College who requested to learn an instrument have been placed with a tutor. The tutor has been given your details and should be in touch shortly. If you have not heard from a tutor by the end of Week 2, please see Ms Bates in the Performing Arts Staffroom.

Continuing Students - Instrumental Tuition: Unless you requested a change of tutor you have been placed with the same person you had in 2015. Your tutor should be in touch shortly. If you have not heard from your tutor by the end of Week 2, please see Ms Bates.

ENSEMBLES

A full list of Ensembles and rehearsal times is in Woodchatta Extras. The Senior String Ensemble and College Orchestra will commence rehearsals THIS Friday. All other Ensembles will commence NEXT week.

Concert and Jazz Bands: Parents of new and continuing students who expressed an interest in, or auditioned for, a place in one of the Concert or Jazz Bands, were emailed in December last year advising of placement. These rolls have also been placed on the Performing Arts Noticeboard.

Guitar and Percussion Ensembles: The details of new students to the College who expressed an interest in these Ensembles have been passed on to the Ensemble Directors and auditions will be held in Weeks 2 or 3. Students will be advised of the exact day and times via the Daily Notices. Continuing students should attend the same Ensemble as last year.

Choirs: Parents of new students who expressed an interest in the Junior and Senior Choirs received an email in December last year. Should other students be interested in joining they should attend rehearsals next week and have their names added to the rolls. Auditions for Vocal Ensemble will be held on Monday 8th February at 3.15pm in the Core Music Room.

MUSIC ORIENTATION EVENING

Parents who would like to learn more about the Music Ensemble and Tuition program are warmly invited to attend this night on Thursday 11th February in the Band Room. The starting time will be advised in next week’s Woodchatta.

ONSTAGE 2016

Year 12 Drama students will be attending this performance on the evening of Tuesday 9th February. An excursion note will be given to students this week.

AMEB RESULTS

Congratulations to Jasper Choi (Year 10) who achieved a Credit in his Grade 5 Violin Examination late last year.

Ms T Bates – Performing Arts Coordinator

Public Speaking & Debating

CSDA PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Attention all public speakers: the CSDA Public Speaking Competition Round 1 will be held on 26th February, Week 5 this term. Students from Years 7 to 12 participate in this event. The venue is still to be determined but we will all meet next Monday, 1st February, in the JCR at lunchtime (1pm). Come along on Monday to get more information about this CSDA Competition. Everyone is welcome! You don’t have to be familiar with public speaking, nor even confident with public speaking to participate. We have four weeks to train and build our confidence before the Round 1 event. Bring your lunch and relax in the air-conditioning.

DEBATING COMPETITION

St Pius X College competes in two debating competitions: the Catholic Schools’ Debating Association (CSDA) Competition http://www.csda.nsw.edu.au/, and the Schools Debating Network (SDN) Competition http://www.sndebating.com.au/. Enrolment forms will be available for students on Wednesday, 3rd February and can be collected from the front office and then returned to the verandah notices box marked “Public Speaking and Debating”. More details about the two debating competitions dates and structure as well as training times will follow in next week’s Woodchatta.

Ms M Waterson - Convenor
From the Learning Support and Enrichment (LSE) Team

HOMEWORK HELP – Begins week 2
Homework Help is a Learning Support initiative which is held three afternoons each week, from Tuesday to Thursday inclusive, after school from 3.15pm - 4.30pm. It provides academic assistance and supervision for all students in Years 5-12 who wish to work in a supportive academic environment, with supervising teachers on hand who can provide assistance with homework, assignments, or the planning, research, grammar and writing skills that underpin upcoming assessment tasks.

Students are encouraged to attend on one or more afternoons, on a regular or occasional basis, and there is no need to make an appointment. However teachers and parents may wish to refer students to the Homework Help Program for specific tasks and purposes as needed. In either case, students are to be actively engaged in catching up or getting ahead on school work, reading or study.

All years and levels of ability are welcome to attend, so please come along and take advantage of this free service.

Please note, due to the ongoing building works which currently affect access to the Senior Library (SRC), the Homework Help Program will be held in the reception rooms near the front office (Rooms 1 and 3) until further notice.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY COURSES – Begins Week 2
Thank you to all families who registered their interest in enrolling students in the Occupational Therapy - The Art of Touch Typing course and the Handwriting Skills course to be run in Term 1 2016 by an external provider and experienced occupational therapist, Anna Orchard, who will be offering after-school courses at the College in 2016.

I hope that all enrolled students benefit greatly from undertaking the courses this term, and I thank the College Principal, Mr John Couani and the Head of the Junior School, Mr Tim Long, for their permission and support in allowing the Learning Support and Enrichment (LSE) Department to trial the provision of these two external programs on an onsite school basis.

Parents have been emailed with all the necessary details, but this notice is to advise that The Art of Touch Typing begins Week 2 and will be held in the TAS Computing Room (TCR), while Handwriting Skills begins Week 3 and will be held in Leary Room 2. Both courses run from 3.20pm – 4.35pm, but students are welcome from 3.15pm. Please remember to bring PLDs or other equipment.

Please direct any further queries to jraheb-mol@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

Ms J Raheb-Mol – Coordinator, Learning Support and Enrichment

Student Textbooks
Parents are asked to attach removable stickers, with their son’s name, on the front of each textbook so that books can be easily identified in the classroom and if lost.

Ms M McHugh – BookHire Coordinator

Kiss & Drop/ Pick up in Kirk Street
Parents are asked to pick their children up after 3.20pm when they are dismissed. This also includes students in Years 5 & 6, even though they are dismissed at 3pm. If parents are there earlier they are asked to queue with the parents from Our Lady of Dolours and follow the same procedure. If a car advances to the top of the queue and the child is not there the driver needs to leave the queue and do another circuit to join the end of the queue.

Please see further information from the Acting Principal of Our Lady of Dolours in Woodchatta Extras.

Junior School News
A separate Newsletter has been sent out to Junior School Parents.

Mr T Long – Head of Junior School
Welcome back to the new school year. We have a busy start ahead of us with the ISA Summer Competitions in Basketball and Cricket recommencing this Saturday 30th January. Training sessions will be held tomorrow for all Basketball A teams and for 1st and 2nd XI Cricketers. In line with College Policy please ensure that your sons are presented in the correct kit for their sports and groomed appropriately.

The Senior School Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 2nd February at Macquarie University Sport & Aquatic Centre. This is a compulsory school day and all boys must be in attendance. Buses will begin departure from the College at 8.30am. All boys must travel to the carnival on the school-provided transport. Departure from the carnival venue direct must be accompanied by a note from parents.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the 1st XI Cricket Queensland tourists on their performances in the Christian Brothers Carnival and thank Mr Reay, Mr Brannan, Mr Couani, Br Curtin and Mr David Kennedy (parent) for their supervision of this event.

**BASKETBALL**

There will be a bus to Bathurst for all C teams this Saturday 30th January. It will leave Anderson Street at 6:45am and should be back at Chatswood around 4:30pm.

We play Round 7 games this Saturday the 30th January. Please check game times and venues below. It is a rushed start, so I hope we can dust off the cobwebs quickly and get back to our best. Training will start next week. Training times will be the same as in Term 4 of last year.

The Firsts played in the Trinity Challenge last week. Whilst the results didn’t fall our way, it was a great warm up for us to prepare for this Saturday’s game. The team played against Sydney High, St Joseph’s, Knox and Barker. We had a draw against St Joseph’s and three close losses to High, Knox and Barker.

I was very impressed with the way the boys played each game and they represented us with obvious pride and a never-give-up approach.

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Mr N Gibson - Convenor
CRICKET

2016 Christian Brother Cricket Week – Queensland Tour. Over the holiday break a combined 1st and 2nd XI Squad travelled to Brisbane to participate in the 2016 CBCW. A very successful tour was had with the SPX Cricket team competing in Division 1. Thanks to Mr Sean Brannan, Br David Curtin, Mr David Kennedy and Mr John Couani for their assistance while on tour.

Round 1 – SPX 10/83 (N Onslow 14, L Humphrey 17) defeated by St Laurence’s College Brisbane 3/87 (N Onslow 2/15)
Round 2 – SPX 2/95 (C King 37no, N Onslow 30) defeated St Patrick College Shorncliffe 10/94 (M Magee 2/7, N McDermott-Healey 2/10, N Onslow 2/10)
Round 3 – SPX 8/173 (W Roser 46, M Magee 39) defeated by Aquinas College Perth 5/299 (M Kennedy 1/12, M Magee 1/33)
Round 4 – SPX 10/86 (M Magee 16, C King 12) defeated by St Joseph’s Nudgee College 10/146 (M Magee 4/23, L Humphrey 2/14, N McDermott-Healey 2/21, J White 2/31)
Round 5 – SPX 7/222 (W Roser 94no, M Magee 37) tied with St Joseph’s College Gregory Terrace 7/222 (N Onslow 2/18, L Humphrey 2/44)
Round 6 T20 – SPX 5/170 (M Kennedy 28, C King 27) defeated St Thomas’ College Christchurch NZ 10/86 (P Purcell 3/10, J White 2/36 hat-trick)

ISA and District Cricket recommences Saturday 30 January 2016: All SPX Cricket recommences for 2016 this Saturday. Please consult myCricket for the latest up to date information.

NSW U15 Cricket Representative: Congratulations to Lachlan Hearn (10) on his selection in the NSW U15 Cricket Team. An excellent achievement, well done!

Mr D Reay - 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

Welcome to all those new to the College and, to those returning, we are primed for another huge year of sport at St Pius in 2016. We hit the ground running with two full days of summer sports trials and a Swimming Carnival in the first six days of school! A reminder that all pertinent information can be found on the College website (season draws etc. will be uploaded shortly): http://spx.nsw.edu.au/beyond-classroom/dsp_default.cfm?loadref=139

Thursday Sport: The planner for Term 1 is below. NB. This week only Sport is on Friday due to the late start back. Please note the all-day program for the first three weeks, where a full packed recess/lunch are required. Sports uniform is worn to and from school on all Thursdays throughout the year. This week Trials/Training takes place for respective summer sports (see below for further details). Parents are invited to join us from 1.15pm this Friday for afternoon tea. Boys can generally be collected at 2.20pm from the car-park at the conclusion of Sport on a Thursday.

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Swimming Carnival: Our annual House Carnival takes place on Wednesday 3rd February at Macquarie University Pool. Whilst a fun, participation carnival, this also forms the basis for squad selection. Parents are of course most welcome to attend. A detailed information letter will be emailed shortly and will also be available on the school website.

Basketball: The first game of the six week, Term 1 season is on Saturday 6th February. Grading takes place as part of Sport for the next two weeks. A detailed information letter, team lists and a season draw will be posted on the school website.

Softball: The first game of the six week, Term 1 season is on Saturday 6th February. Grading takes place as part of Sport for the next two weeks. A detailed information letter, team lists and a season draw will be posted on the school website.

NSTA Tennis: The NSTA season commences on Saturday 13th February. Grading takes place as part of Sport at Oxford falls this Friday and then continues at Roseville Tennis Club on Thursday 4th February. A detailed information letter and season draw will be distributed to all successful trialists.

Mr G Virgona – Junior School Sportsmaster

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop hours for Week 1 and Week 2 of Term 1, 2016

Week 1: Thursday 28/1 8am to 2pm, Friday 29/1 8am to 2pm
Week 2: Mon 1/2 Tues 2/2 & Wed 3/2 8am to 2pm

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

Price List: A full price list is available on the College website.
Orders can be placed via the website http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/facilities-resources/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=83 or by sending an email to uniformshop@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

Blazer fittings: Junior School - Tuesday 2/2
Senior School - Wednesday 3/2

Blazer Buttons are available from shop $2.00 each.

Second-Hand Uniforms: Parents are reminded that the Uniform Shop also sells second-hand uniforms.

Mrs D Muirhead – Coordinator

Canteen Roster

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## Performing Arts Department
### Ensemble Rehearsal Times for 2016

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From 27 January 2016, eligible school students can ‘tap’ into Opal with the School Opal card – the smarter way to travel to and from school.

**School Opal cards for students who had a pass in 2015**, and are eligible for travel in 2016 under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS), should arrive from 27 January 2016.

**Other eligible students**, including new applicants and students changing school or campuses, updating their personal details, or going from Year 6 to 7, who have already applied or who still need to apply, will have their School Opal cards posted to their home address in the first two weeks of term one 2016.

You can contact 131 500 or concessions@transport.nsw.gov.au for more information or if your cards don’t arrive within the first two weeks.

Parents or guardians, and students who are eligible for SSTS travel and have not already received a card, should be directed to apply online at transportnsw.info/school-students

**Important information about travelling with Opal**

- The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school on approved modes of public transport.
- The School Opal card doesn’t cover travel to activities away from school, such as, after school care, sport and school excursions.
- Remember: A grace period applies at the start of each new school year, where school students who have been approved for SSTS travel can travel without a valid pass while new passes are being issued. Students must be in school uniform or be able to provide evidence (such as a school ID or school books) that they are travelling to or from school during this time.
- Students should use a Child/Youth Opal card for travel after hours, on weekends, during school holidays or activities away from school.

**Behaviour matters**

Students are reminded that free travel is a privilege that can be taken away if official Codes of Conduct aren’t followed.

In summary, students should remember to:

- Tap on and tap off every time.
- Offer their seat to paying customers without being asked.
- Respect transport staff, transport property and fellow travellers.
- Be mindful of safety at every stage of a transport journey.
- Always travel with a valid ticket.

Student Codes of Conduct are available at www.transportnsw.info/schoolstudents
KISS AND DROP / PICK UP IN KIRK ST

Kirk St Pick-Up for Our Lady of Dolours students and parents works well if the routine below is followed.

Between 2.30 – 4.00pm, a large section of Kirk St is restricted parking to enable the school pick up. Students from Our Lady of Dolours are brought to Kirk St by 3.05pm. Parents queue in the ‘Kiss and Ride’ area to collect their children following the RTA rules.

Students who are not collected by 3.20pm are brought back to the school office.

Parents of boys from St Pius are asked to pick their children up after 3.20pm when they are dismissed. This also includes the St Pius X students in Years 5 & 6, even though they are dismissed at 3pm. If the St Pius X parents are there earlier they are asked to queue with the parents from Our Lady of Dolours and follow the same procedure. If a car advances to the top of the queue and the child is not there the driver needs to leave the queue and do another circuit to join the end of the queue.

Parking could incur a fine. Local parking officers are especially vigilant regarding this pick up zone.

RTA Road Rules

No Parking
- Drivers may stop in this zone to drop off or pick up passengers or goods for a maximum of two minutes.
- The driver MUST remain in or within three metres of the vehicle at all times.
- The vehicle must not be left unattended.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.
- No Parking zones can also be used to drop off and pick up children.

I thank you for respecting these rules and for working together to keep our children safe.

Jenny Shirvington
Acting Principal – Our Lady of Dolours