



# Especean

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## Principal

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of St Patrick's College,

I have had a number of parents approach me in the past few weeks concerned about the amount of time their son spends online gaming. Fortnite is one game that seems to be incredibly popular right now. In doing a little research for this piece, I have discovered that it is incredibly popular because it is a very well developed game and is so cleverly constructed to be highly engaging, if not downright addictive. It is not as if computer games are new. And, they are not just appealing to adolescent boys. My adult sons still love to play computer games, and I have been known from time to time to join them. In and of themselves, the games are not evil!

Any advice I offer in this article is qualified by the fact that I do not pretend to be an expert in computer games, nor do I pretend for one minute that I am the perfect parent. What I do know from more than thirty years of working with adolescents though and from raising my own three children, is that the choice of media is almost irrelevant. What does matter is our approach to being: a) the adult in the house and b) a positive, responsible, reasonable yet assertive parent. When I was a child there was widespread concern about what television would do to children's brains and development; when my own children were younger it was the Nintendo 64, the Game Boy, and the Xbox or PlayStation. Now our children are primarily engaged with and by the unmetered and unlimited scope of the internet, with any number of online games, where strategy, competition and mastery are very tempting.

So, in my humble opinion, we still want our sons (and I say sons here because they are so easily drawn into gaming and are so much more reluctant to leave the game) to be actively involved in their family, their school, their social world and ideally, a team of some description. We desire these things because this is what it means to be fully alive. We want them to be aware of, sensitive to, and engaged with other human beings, as opposed to avatars and online worlds. That being the case, I am not about to suggest that gaming and the internet should be banned with our boys. This would be unproductive and very difficult to police. Rather, we need to be active in our parenting such that reasonable limits are imposed on our boys so that they do lead balanced, healthy lives. Here are my ten tips, albeit simplistic, for managing your son's online and gaming behaviour:

1. Have a conversation with him about what he is playing. Learn something about the game with him and show some interest so that he can share his fascination with you. Who knows, you might be surprised to learn just how engaging his online world of gaming actually is. Seeking to understand always opens the channels of conversation and builds relationship.
2. Set realistic and reasonable limits about how much time he plays online and when this occurs. It cannot be until homework, household chores and the like are completed. Once the time limit has been reached be firm about the need to turn it off. If he does not abide by the limit; every minute he goes over results in a reduction in the same amount of time the next night or weekend he is allowed to play: make it an equivalence of 'overs' and 'unders'.
3. Time spent gaming must be balanced with more real-world active pursuits such as playing a sport, learning a musical instrument, and engaging with family members.
4. Do not buy con-lines such as "I need my computer in my bedroom in order to do my homework". This can certainly be just as competently completed in a public area of the house. The dining table is a perfectly acceptable space for your son to use his device to do his homework – and you can monitor that that is indeed what the device is being used for! Many parents will not actually carry this one through.
5. Insist on a screen-free activity, day or holiday from time to time. Go on a camping holiday and only take board games. Make sure there is no internet available!
6. Be sure to model well. How much time do you spend on your own device/screens? Do you text during meals? Do you watch television or Netflix all night every night? Demonstrate alternatives and invite your son – go for a run before/after dinner and invite him to join you. Read a book and turn the TV off. Talk to him!
7. If you live in a two parent household, stick together. Do not allow your child to play one off against the other. This reduces your parenting credibility in your children's eyes!
8. Do NOT allow devices (including smartphones) to be in bedrooms once it is bedtime. I don't care whether your son is 10 years old or 16 years old. Be the parent, and insist. Once you go to sleep, you would be surprised how many of them are still wide awake in the wee small hours and online. A child or teenager needs much more sleep than they think they need, and often more than we think they need. Teenagers can often need ten hours sleep per night. If you son is always tired, doesn't want to go to school, disengages from the family, spends excessive time alone in his room and starts to withdraw from his usual activities (like his sports) then he could be having trouble disengaging from technology.
9. Keep the communication lines open – be prepared to discuss anything with your child. Our standard line with our children when they were teenagers was always: "Nothing you can ever tell us will be too hard for us to hear. Please always feel welcome to come to ask us anything you want, especially if it is something you are worried about. We promise not to be shocked and we will listen. There is nothing that we cannot sort out together." Also, use the resources that we offer here at the College. Communicate with us as well. Perhaps we might be able to work this through together.
10. Be the parent. The most cringe-worthy comment I have ever heard from a parent is "He is more like a friend to me than a son." My blunt and impolite response was "That is a shame. What he actually needs is a parent. He has friends, and they are also teenagers." Sometimes it is tough being the adult in the house. This means tough love – and saying a firm NO from time to time - and meaning it. Much like classroom management 101; never make threats, only make promises. And then be prepared to carry them out. It may make you unpopular, but being a parent can also be tough.

Handing out advice is easy. Parenting is difficult and teaching boys and adolescents is also a complex, highly skilled task. However, we believe in the inherent goodness of our children and our students and we take our collective responsibility of moulding and shaping them seriously. All of us want them to be successful and well-adjusted.

### Parent meetings with staff at the College

May I remind parents to make a mutually agreeable appointment time if you wish to meet with a teacher or member of the Executive. Please do not simply arrive at the College and present yourself to staff.

*Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever.*



Craig Wattam  
Principal



## JUNIOR SCHOOL

In news reports we have seen some terrible events recently—the tragic fires in Greece, the devastating drought in rural Australia, and in recent days the powerful earthquake in our neighbour Indonesia.

It is not uncommon for these events to make an impact on primary school aged children. Sometimes, seeing these things can make the more reflective youngster wonder ‘Why does God let bad things happen to good people?’ This can be a challenging one to handle. Do we believe that disasters are part of God’s plan? Are they random events? Do we believe, like the ancients, that natural disasters are a punishment for sin, individual or communal? How does this sit with the idea of a loving God that Jesus preached?

I was struck recently by a portrayal of God in a popular family movie (Morgan Freeman, as always). He said (I paraphrase) “If you pray for patience, am I going to give you patience, or give you opportunities to develop patience? If you pray for your family to become closer, am I going to make you closer or give you opportunities to grow closer?”

When faced with tragedy and disaster, or poverty and injustice, some lose faith in a loving God. Others, like St Mary of the Cross whose feast we celebrate today, pray for God to comfort those suffering, then roll up their sleeves and get to work showing the love of God to those afflicted.

I don’t pretend to know the mind of God. I do know that life will always involve challenges, great and small, trivial and consequential, and that these times are great times to talk to children about our values—what we believe and who we want to be in the world. Our teachers do that in class, and I hope you will at home.

God bless,

**Ben Munday—Director of Junior School**

## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

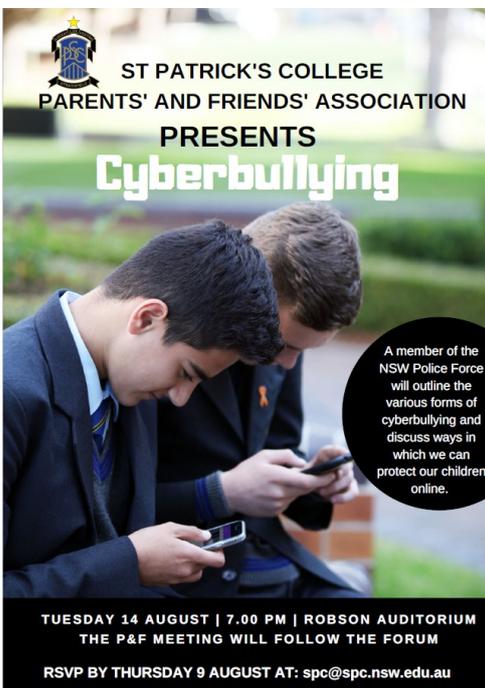
It has been another exciting week in the Junior School sporting world and no shortage of accomplishments have been achieved. Both the Rugby and Football fraternities have put in solid performances over the past weekend with many results in favour of SPC. With only one round remaining in the winter season, let us put our best foot forward and work hard for each other, finishing off the season with our best possible effort.

In the last week, Nicholas Macher of Year 5, competed at the Australian Schools Swimming Championships in Hobart. Nicholas’ achievement was outstanding, winning 1 gold medal (4 x 50m freestyle relay) and 4 bronze medals (50m freestyle, 100m freestyle, 200 Individual Medley and 4 x 50m IM relay). This is a great reward for all the hard work, effort and sacrifices Nicholas has made. Congratulations Nicholas and we wish you future success.

The week also saw 6 students from SPC (Oliver Quinn, Fin Mitchell, Jacob Chidiac, Mitchell Woods, Alex Conti and Jamie Carroll) compete in the NSWCIS Touch Football competition. The boys performed well, with their team coming 6<sup>th</sup> overall. Competition ended with the selection of the NSW side. Congratulations to Alex Conti who was selected into the NSWPSSA side. This is the second year in a row that Alex has been selected in this team. This is Alex’s second NSW team for the year. An outstanding effort.

As this is the last round of the season, there will be no training for any winter sports next week. The exception being the Athletics squad, who begin their season in earnest in the next few weeks.

**John Locke—Junior School Coordinator of Co-curricular**



**ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE**  
PARENTS' AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS  
**Cyberbullying**

A member of the NSW Police Force will outline the various forms of cyberbullying and discuss ways in which we can protect our children online.

TUESDAY 14 AUGUST | 7.00 PM | ROBSON AUDITORIUM  
THE P&F MEETING WILL FOLLOW THE FORUM  
RSVP BY THURSDAY 9 AUGUST AT: [spc@spc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:spc@spc.nsw.edu.au)

## FEAST DAYS

Happy Solemnity (Feast) of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop! This is a really significant day in the Australian Church as we remember our first saint and all the work she did with her order, the Sisters of St Joseph, and others. She worked with children on the margins, especially in rural areas, and she is well known for many statements including a motto all of us can live by – “Never see a need without doing something about it.” There is much we can take from her example. May she look over each of us in our pursuit of justice and care for the other.

Next Wednesday, 15 August, is the Solemnity of the Assumption – one of only a few Holy Days of Obligation in the Church’s calendar. It is the feast when we remember that Our Lady, Mary was taken into heaven, body and soul, at her death. This sets her apart from all others and states clearly the significance of her role within the Church alongside her son. (A week later, 22 August, we celebrate the Feast of the Queenship of Mary.) You will be able to attend Masses in your own parishes next Wednesday, but the College will also offer Mass for all members of the community in the Chapel at 1.25pm.

# CURRICULUM

## Years 7 to 10 Semester One Awards

At last week's College Assembly we acknowledged academic excellence in each of Years 7 to 10 as part of our series of presentations of Semester One Awards.

### From Year 10:

Ryan Bissett 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Photographic & Digital Media  
 Emilio Campana 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Mathematics  
 Joshua Cosgrove 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Music  
 Luke Di Giacomo 1<sup>st</sup> Place in English  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Visual Arts  
 Carlos Hasham 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Science  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Religious Education  
 Lachlan Klumper 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Industrial Technology - Engineering  
 Ryan Littlechild 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Industrial Technology - Timber  
 Massimo Losurdo 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Geography  
 George Pachos 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Information Software Technology  
 Gianluca Pecora 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Italian  
 Jeremy Short 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Commerce  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place in History  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Religious Education  
 All Round Academic Excellence Award  
 Christian Tafta 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Design & Technology  
 Jakob Turner Jensen 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Personal Development, Health & Physical Education

### From Year 9:

Damian Bisoglio 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Design & Technology  
 Harry Coyne 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Music  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Personal Development, Health & Physical Education  
 Christopher Goncalves-Rigg 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Industrial Technology - Timber  
 Joseph Hassarati 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Geography  
 James Herberstein 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Drama  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Philosophy  
 Jack Maccessi 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Mathematics  
 Matthew Machado 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Photographic & Digital Media  
 Darcy Patterson 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Industrial Technology - Engineering  
 John Paul Roberts 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Information Software Technology  
 Jonah Rogers 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Science  
 Marc Salonga 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Commerce  
 Armando Screnci 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Italian  
 Alexander Sleiman 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Commerce  
 Patrick Tandiono 1<sup>st</sup> Place in History  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Commerce  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Religious Education  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Industrial Technology – Engineering  
 All Round Academic Excellence Award  
 Rowan Wanigesekera 1<sup>st</sup> Place in History  
 Vincent Younes 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Information Software Technology  
 Lawrence Young 1<sup>st</sup> Place in English  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Visual Arts  
 All Round Academic Excellence Award

### Michael Cutrupi—Director of Curriculum



### From Year 8:

Michael Bejjani All Round Academic Excellence Award  
 Mitchell Brell 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Technology Mandatory  
 Joshua Chander 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Science  
 Steven Dann 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Science  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Music  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Italian  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Geography  
 All Round Academic Excellence Award  
 Jack Dwyer 1<sup>st</sup> Place in English  
 Nicholas Grosvenor 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Religious Education  
 James Hraiki 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Personal Development, Health & Physical Education  
 Spencer Ling 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Visual Arts  
 Jonathan Meaker 1<sup>st</sup> Place in History  
 Oliver Meleca All Round Academic Excellence Award  
 Matthew Papavramidis 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Religious Education  
 Adam Segui 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Technology Mandatory  
 Francis Ters All Round Academic Excellence Award  
 Alexander Turner Jensen 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Mathematics  
 Matthew Vucic

### From Year 7:

James Bellamy 1<sup>st</sup> Place in English  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Geography  
 All Round Academic Excellence Award  
 Lorenzo Bilotta 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Visual Arts  
 Massimo Bilotta 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Technology Mandatory  
 Matthew Gebrael 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Mathematics  
 Matthew Mavrelis 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Geography  
 Christopher Rezzi 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Religious Education  
 Alessandro Romeo 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Science  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Geography  
 All Round Academic Excellence Award  
 Matthew Svoboda 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Personal Development, Health & Physical Education  
 Max van der Meer 1<sup>st</sup> Place in History  
 Bailey Yeates 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Music

## YEAR 9 COMMERCE MARKET DAY REVIEW

Students enrolled in Year 9 Commerce study a topic called "Running a Business".

During this topic, students learn about various decisions that business owners in the real world have to make. These include decisions regarding what to produce, what price to charge and how to advertise a product to consumers.

So that teachers can determine the extent of learning that has taken place during the topic, Commerce students are assessed on their ability to run a business. To do this, students form groups of 3-5 and work together to produce various products to be sold on Market Day.

The 2018 Year 9 Commerce Market Day took place in week 9 of term 2. From burgers, pizzas and sausage sizzles to waffles, Nutella pizzas and donuts, sweet tooth's and savoury taste buds were well and truly satisfied. All profits made on the day have been donated to the Year 9 charity focus group.

Sincere thanks goes to the Commerce teachers involved with this event in Mrs Elias, Ms Forgione, Mrs Holding, and Mr Kirby. Thanks must also be given to all of the support staff involved with preparations for the day. Last but not least, heartiest congratulations to each Year 9 Commerce student for successfully undertaking such a large project.

**Luke Reynolds—HSIE B Studies Coordinator**





## SPC PAPUA NEW GUINEA IMMERSION 2018

In the first two weeks of the holidays, twelve Year 11 students accompanied by four staff members took part in the annual Papua New Guinea Immersion. It can safely be said that every student came back to Sydney with memories they will never forget.

Spending 12 days in such different conditions definitely posed a challenge of some sort to all of us. This ranged from the physically and mentally taxing climb of Mt Mother to the exposure of such a different culture. But it was through these



challenges that we were able to bond together as a group. We also learned valuable lessons which cannot be taught in the classroom; whether it be placing value on such simple things we take for granted in our everyday lives or by being overwhelmed by the hospitality and happiness of the locals and the Vuvu boys. We all returned home with a changed outlook on our everyday lives, knowing it will impact our futures.

**Lloyd Christian Viray – Year 11 Student**



## YEAR 11 STUDENTS ATTEND THE SANDAKAN COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE IN BURWOOD PARK

On Sunday 5 August, thirteen Year 11 students attended a war memorial service to pay respects to the Australian soldiers who were taken prisoner in Sandakan, Borneo during World War Two. Approximately 2000 soldiers were taken as prisoners of war to Sandakan in Borneo where they experienced torture and unimaginable living conditions until the very end of the war. It was at this point that those who had survived were forced to take on a 9-day trek, spanning over 200 kilometres across the top of Borneo. Only 6 soldiers survived this journey hence why they were named the 'Death Marches'. Twenty-three of these soldiers were from the Burwood area, therefore the service is appropriately held at the site of the Sandakan War monument in the middle of Burwood Park.



During the service we heard from a number of dignitaries, including Mayor of Burwood (and SPC parent) John Faker, Jodi McKay (Member for Strathfield) and Colonel Michael Miller, Official Secretary to the Governor of NSW. We also heard some touching poetry, written by prisoners of war and their families. One line that truly opened our eyes to the extreme hardships faced was "Miles to go. No smoko." This is indicative of the length of the death marches and the supplies that the Australian soldiers were denied, such as their standard issue of cigarettes.



Overall this commemorative was an invaluable experience and the words of Anthony Redman perfectly sum up the impact it had on us: "The service was an eye-opening experience. Personally I learnt a lot about the tragedies of war, not only for the soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice but also their friends and family back home." I would like to thank Mr. Newman for the opportunity to attend this service and would absolutely recommend anyone who is interested to attend next year.

**Mark Herro – Year 11 Student**

## SPC SUPPORTS THOSE AFFECTED BY THE DROUGHT



This land of ours is beautiful, like no other on Earth. Sadly, Mother Nature is struggling....

Our farmers are some of the most hard-working people in this land and they are calling out. There are many tears, and far too many tragic ends abound at present with loss of human life and livestock.

It is beyond just buying particular brands of milk to support particular farmers; it is not just about purchasing meat and vegetables at any price to support.

This is livelihood. They need our assistance now. Our immediate attention is required. To support our rural brothers and sisters, the College, through the P & F, sporting groups and school activities, will come together to raise much needed funds and increase our awareness along the way.

This Saturday at 'Back to Breen Day' we will be asking community members to make donations in the buckets carried around the grounds, which will then be followed up by various activities at school over the coming weeks—more details to come. This Saturday is especially pertinent as we play St Stanislaus from Bathurst in Rugby – let's show them and all farmers the generosity of SPC and that we really care.

**SPC Staff, Parents & Students**

## ANNUAL PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE CONCERT 2018

A warm invitation is extended to the College community to come and enjoy an evening of entertainment.

This year's Showcase Performing Arts Concert will be staged in the College Gymnasium Thursday evening 23 August commencing at 6.00pm.

# SPORTS FIXTURES — SATURDAY 11 AUGUST 2018

RUGBY				FOOTBALL				JUNIOR SPORT FIXTURES						
1st XV	v	Stannies	3.15	Breen Oval	1st XI	v	Oakhill	1.15	Mason Park 1	<b>FOOTBALL</b>				
2nd XV	v	Stannies	2.00	Breen Oval	2nd XI	v	Oakhill 2nd	12.00	Mason Park 1	Prep A	v	Knox	Yeldham Field	8.00am
3rd XV	v	Stannies	1.00	Breen Oval	3rd XI	v	Bye			Prep B	v	Knox	Yeldham Field	8.45am
4th XV	v	Stannies	12.00	Breen Oval	4th XI	v	Oakhill 4th	11.00	Mason Park 1	Prep C	v	Knox	Yeldham Field	9.30am
16A	v	Stannies	11.00	Breen Oval	5th XI	v	Scots 7th	11.00	Mason Park 2	Prep D	v	Knox	Yeldham Field	10.15am
16B	v	Stannies	10.00	Breen Oval	6th XI	v	Sydney Boys High 7th	11.00	McKay 3	Prep E	v	Knox	Yeldham Field	11.00am
16C	v	Reddam House	12.00	Parade Ground 6	7th XI	v	SPC 8th XI	12.00	Mason Park 2	11A1	v	Wyvern	Bark Huts 1	10.15am
15A	v	Stannies	12.00	Airey Park	8th XI	v	SPC 7th XI	12.00	Mason Park 2	11B1	v	Wyvern	Bark Huts 1	9.30am
15B	v	Stannies	11.00	Airey Park	16A	v	Oakhill	9.00	Mason Park 1	11C1	v	Wyvern	Bark Huts 1	8.45am
15C	v	Stannies	10.00	Airey Park	16B	v	Oakhill B	9.00	Mason Park 2	11D1	v	Wyvern	Bark Huts 1	8.00am
14A	v	Stannies	1.00	Hudson Park	16C	v	St Pius B	10.00	Mason Park 1	11A2	v	Trinity Prep	SPC No 3	8.00am
14B	v	Stannies	12.00	Hudson Park	16D	v	Scots D	10.00	Mason Park 2	11B2	v	Trinity Prep	SPC No 3	8.45am
14C	v	Stannies	11.00	Hudson Park	16E	v	Newington F	12.00	Tempe 2	11C2	v	Trinity Prep	SPC No 3	9.30am
13A	v	Stannies	2.00	Airey Park	16F	v	Knox H	3.00	Curagul 2	11D2	v	Kings	Bark Huts 1	11.00am
13B	v	Stannies	1.00	Airey Park	15A	v	Oakhill	8.00	Mason Park 1	10A	v	Trinity Prep	Cooke Park 3	8.45am
13C	v	Stannies	10.00	Hudson Park	15B	v	Oakhill B	8.00	Mason Park 2	10B	v	Trinity Prep	Cooke Park 3	8.45am
13D	v	Waverley E	8.00	Queens Park 3	15C	v	St Andrew's	1.45	Wentworth Park	10C1	v	Trinity Prep	Cooke Park 3	8.00am
<b>TENNIS</b>								<b>RUGBY</b>						
Div 1	v	Redlands	8.00	Cammeray Tennis Club	15D	v	St Aloysius D	9.00	Mason Park 3	Prep 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	v	Mosman	Breen Oval	8.45am
Div 2	v	Oxley	8.30	Strathfield Tennis Club	15E	v	Sydney Boys High F	10.00	Mason Park 3	Prep 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	v	Mosman	Breen Oval	8.00am
Div 3	v	Redlands	8.00	Cammeray Tennis Club	15F	v	St Aloysius F	11.00	Mason Park 3	Prep Black 7s	v		Koola Park	TBA — Thursday
Div 4	v	Oxley	8.30	Strathfield Tennis Club	14A	v	Oakhill	2.00	Mason Park 2	Prep Gold 7s	v		Koola Park	TBA — Thursday
Div 5	v	Oxley	8.30	Bowral Tennis Courts	14B	v	Oakhill B	1.00	Mason Park 2	11A	v	Knox	Lower Gillespie	9.30am
Div 6	v	Redlands	8.00	Strathfield Tennis Club	14C	v	St Pius B	10.15	Watkins Oval	11B	v	Knox	Lower Gillespie	8.45am
Div 7	v	Oxley	8.30	Bowral Tennis Courts	14D	v	Scots C	11.30	SPC 3	11C	v	Knox	Lower Gillespie	8.00am
Div 8	v	Redlands	8.00	Strathfield Tennis Club	14E	v	Scots D	10.30	SPC 3	10A	v	Mosman	Airey Park	8.00am
Div 9	v	Oxley	8.30	Bowral Tennis Courts	14F	v	Newington G	9.00	Tempe 1	<b>AFL</b>				
Div 10	v	Oxley	8.30	Strathfield Tennis Club	13A	v	Oakhill	12.00	Mason Park 3	Team A	v	St Pius X	Acron Oval	8.00am
								<b>Venues:</b>						
								Bark Huts — Elliot St, Belfield						
								Airey Park — Bates St, Homebush						
								SPC No 3 — Cnr Francis St & Merley Rd, Strathfield						
								Koola Park — 26A Koola Ave, East Killara						
								Bat & Ball — Cnr South Dowling St & Cleveland St, Moore Park						
								Top Field — Cnr Mona Vale Rd & Ayres Rd, St Ives						
								Queens Park — Darley Rd, Waverley						
								Tempe 1 — Holbeach Ave, Tempe						
								Yeldham Field — Billyard Ave, Wahroonga						
								Lower Gillespie — Cnr Young & Bangalla Sts, Warrawee						
								Acron Oval — Acron Rd, St Ives						
								Cooke Park 3 — Chisholm St, Belfield						
								Wyatt Park 1 — Church St, Lidcombe						

## HEAD OF SECONDARY SPORT

### Winter Season Update

Congratulations to all Tennis teams on their outstanding performances throughout the season. To date, nine of the ten teams are placed either 1st or 2nd in their division, sitting in strong positions leading into the ISA Finals on Saturday 18 August at Barker College.

Likewise, all bar one ISA Football teams are currently placed in the top 4 of their respective competitions with one round to go before the semi-finals. Oakhill will bring tough competition in this last regular season round so good luck to all boys involved.

The Rugby fraternity have two weeks left of the 2018 season—home against both St Stanislaus this Saturday as well as St Augustine's on Saturday 18 August. Good luck to those sides who will be competing for an ISA Premiership over the next two weeks.

### Year 12

For most Year 12 players the next couple of weeks will see them play their last fixture for the College after eight years of wearing Blue, Black and Gold. My message is simple—enjoy the games, be proud of what you have achieved and make sure you finish in the right manner. Thank you for all your efforts over the last eight years.

### Back to Breen Day

A reminder that this Saturday 11 August will see the College hold its annual 'Back to Breen' day. I would encourage all students, families and Old Boys to make their way to the College to join in the celebrations.

**Anthony Calavassy—Head of Secondary Sport**

### Back to Breen Day

All Old Boys and friends of the College are invited to Back to Breen on Saturday the 11 August



Mass at 12.30pm to remember those that have passed away.  
Tours of the College at 1.30pm  
First XV kick off at 3.15pm  
Archives display in the Crichton Building  
Buses provided for the Classes of 2008, 1998 & 1988 to their venues.  
While others are invited to the Old Boys Rugby club after 5pm on the cnr of Arthur & Mitchell Sts

## SUPPORTER'S DUTY

A reminder that Year 9 have been designated supporter's duty on Saturday 11 August (**Back to Breen Day**). All boys are to report to the Breen Oval Stand 1.45 and 2.00pm to have their names marked off. Once this has been completed, boys will support both the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV and 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby teams. Boys will be dismissed at the conclusion of the 1<sup>st</sup> XV game, approximate time is 4.50pm. Please note that the 1st XI will play their fixture at Mason Park that Saturday and as such the Year 9 cohort will not be expected to attend that fixture.

FIXTURES AND GROUND LOCATIONS are published live online (includes cancellations):

Go to <http://www.spc.nsw.edu.au/co-curricular/sporting/> or visit the College website and select Sports Fixtures on the Quick Links menu or via the Team App.  
WET WEATHER UPDATES: call 02 9763 1000 and follow the prompts; Twitter at <http://twitter.com/SPCSeniorSport>; or on the Fixtures Pages above.