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Principal

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

On setting reasonable boundaries with your son

In general terms, boundaries mark out a physical space within which limits are marked. In a personal way, boundaries let us know what is permissible and what is off-limits. Our boys need clear and unequivocal boundaries. They need us to love them in this way. Without them, anarchy will prevail in the home, in their school life and in society more generally. Boundaries are not evil. They provide comfort and when applied in a fair and reasonable manner, they make your son socially acceptable, likeable, and even attractive to others. The boundaries will shift as your boy becomes an adolescent and becomes a man. Without them though, he will be prone to being selfish, brash, rude and potentially even dangerous.

We set boundaries at school and they must be set at home. If your son tests those boundaries from time to time, he is doing what comes naturally to him. He will push and prod and see where it gets him. If you succumb to these tests, you will do him a gross disservice. While he will be upset or angry when you push back, ultimately, he will accept your decision because you are being consistent. In this way you are demonstrating love – a love that is firm and unbending. His catch-cry of “everyone else is allowed to” or his protestations of “this is not fair” are temporary and sometimes part of an act that he feels he has to put on. Inside, he is quite often relieved that you have said no, because *he* didn't have the courage to do so...yet.

I have said many times that NO is the kindest word your boy will hear from you. Be that parent who has the temerity and tenacity and the perseverance to hold the family/parent/party line. Do not give in because you are tired, or because it is easier in the short term. It will cost you later, I promise. And the cost will inevitably be harsher and more expensive. It will possibly test your relationship with your child. You are not their friend. You should NEVER become your son's friend, because you are not a teenager! They have friends. What they need from you is a parent. One who is responsible, mature and frankly, knows better.

I was out to breakfast the other week and I stopped myself from whining out loud because I had an image of myself becoming one of the two old blokes Statler and Waldorf, who used to sit in the balcony on the Muppet Show. Like a Greek chorus, they would comment on the action and heckle the acts, and moan and groan throughout the show. I digress. Back to breakfast. There was a small child sitting at the table near us and it was screaming. And I mean screaming. There was nothing wrong with the child. It just wanted to be noticed. Mum and dad were on their phones and ignoring the child. I was put out because I wanted a little peace. The child was not at any stage informed (in one way or another) that what it was doing was not appropriate nor was it socially acceptable. This child was being fractious and demanding. My children would not have tried this on for very long, because they soon learned that that is not what we do in public (or at home for that matter). I became annoyed because it was not fair on any of the patrons of the restaurant and ultimately, the child was being under-parented. It was not being offered the opportunity to learn social graces. A long bow I know, but fast forward to teenage-hood. The boy now is still being under-parented because he is not being told what is acceptable and not acceptable. Swearing at parents, refusing to do his chores, being disruptive in class at school and not committing to serious study are all possibilities that if they are not challenged and checked, will pave the way to more unacceptable behaviour. If we ignore it, then ultimately, we condone it.

We have rules at school and we have rules in society. I am sure you have rules in your house. They are there for our safety and for the common good. They also make us better people. Routine and consistency are key factors in a happy boy's growing up. Fathers MUST be actively involved in their son's life. Fr Richard Rohr, the Franciscan scholar and priest, pointedly suggests that in most human cultures, elders knew that a young man without boundaries was a danger to himself and the community he lives in.

The imposition of boundaries does not mean that you are running a concentration camp. There is still much room for fun, banter, good-humoured ribbing and laughter. We all need to decide what is not negotiable in our families and also in our school. Once this is decided, we stick to our self-imposed rules as consistently as possible. There are rare exceptions, and these are usually in extenuating circumstances. Our boys will fail and they will need to be corrected. That is why we discipline them. This is a word that has fallen out of favour. But it has a positive spin also: in disciplining our children we show them that we love them because we offer them an alternative – to get it right or do it better next time. When children are well disciplined they follow the rules. Jordan B Peterson, the Canadian Psychologist suggests limiting the rules and then when they get broken, have a clear idea as to what you are going to do. If you are going to punish, then make this commensurate with the degree of severity of the rule that has been broken. One thing that we see increasingly in schools is that parents will not allow their son to be wrong or to have done the wrong thing. Many will support their son, even when the behaviour is not able to be supported. Again, in these circumstances, as parents, you ultimately (in the school of life) do your son a disservice in these circumstances. He will never learn how to bounce back and grow from his errors or misdeeds, if he is never made to wear the responsibility for his actions.

Forgiveness is the natural bedfellow of discipline. No one said raising children is easy. In fact, it is the hardest thing any of us will ever do. And the most rewarding.

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever.

Craig Wattam
Principal



CONDOLENCES

Please pray for Joseph Hatem (Year 7) and his family as they mourn the loss of his grandfather Mr Joseph Hatem. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Parents of Year 6 students will have the chance to hear all they need to know (we hope!) about the transition to high school this Thursday from 6.00pm in the Robson auditorium. Students will have the same chance next week as they have their orientation day. This is a big time for Year 6 students, and I ask you to keep them and their families in your prayers.

The Year 6 camp last week was a great success by just about any measure. I saw so many boys overcome personal obstacles and challenge themselves to try something new. I also saw great inclusivity as boys worked in a range of groupings, in some cases mixing with boys they have never had the chance to speak to over the last two years. The camp staff were skilled guides in each of the activities we engaged in, and the College staff who attended were great company for the boys. I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank Ms Compton, Mr Flannery, Mr Simpson, Mr Healey, Ms Nabkey, Mr Fields, Mr Davis and Ms Fisicaro for their generosity and commitment to the boys while we were away.

Year 5 had the Junior School all to themselves while Year 6 were at camp. They also had a taste of being the older, cooler boys when the Year 4 boys visited on Friday for academic testing. I was pleased and proud that so many Year 5 boys sought out younger students to include in their conversations and handball games at recess. Hospitality and welcoming the stranger are true Christian values—well done, boys.

Ben Munday—Director of Junior School

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

“Every new beginning comes from some other beginnings end.” Seneca (not the lyrics from Semisonic’s “Closing Time”)

It has come to the time of year where we start to become aware that our Year 6 students are all grown up and soon to become part of the Senior School crowd. This will become evident to many students and parents, as this weekend marks the final time the boys in Year 6 will represent the Junior School. It is the last chance to create a sporting memory in the Junior School. We wish all the Year 6 boys representing the Junior School all the best of luck this weekend and hope that your last match for the Junior School is a memorable one.

I would like to thank you all for your efforts, dedication and manner in which you have carried yourselves over the past two years. May the skills, friendships and understandings developed in the Junior School springboard you into a new adventure in the Senior School next year! Although your beginning in the Junior School is coming to an end, your new beginning is just around the corner with the Senior School.

We also wish the 5 currently undefeated summer teams the best of luck this weekend. They stand at the threshold of a remarkable season, one win away from keeping a clean sheet. A feat not to be laughed at considering the sizeable break in the middle for the winter season. Good luck boys, play hard, play fair, but above all else have fun (win, lose or draw).

Friday 30 November sees the annual Junior School Sports Presentation Dinner being held in the College gym. Doors will open at 6.00pm and the night will “kickoff” promptly at 6.30pm. Boys are to come in summer uniform, however the blue cap can remain at home. This is a formal occasion and as such the expectation on boys and families is high. I look forward to an enjoyable night celebration for the efforts of the Junior School boys.

John Locke—Junior School Coordinator of Co-curricular



FESTIVAL OF CAROLS & READINGS AN EVENING OF PURE JOY!

**Wednesday 28 November 2018
6.30pm
College Chapel**

All are invited to the *Festival of Carols & Readings* to mark the Advent and Christmas seasons. All of Year 7 and the College Choir will lead us in song as we reflect on the significance of this event in our Christian calendar. It is a great night of community and demonstrates a true sense of beauty and humility. Take the opportunity to stop the busyness and live for a moment in pure joy! It is a wonderful evening to which ALL are invited—feel free to bring family and friends! We hope to see as many of you there as possible, to give thanks to God, to celebrate community and to set the tone for the season to come.

Gillian Daley—Director of Identity



MCGLADE LIBRARY NEWS

Earlier this year we featured a Year 11 student, Angelo Nicolas, who has designed, written and published a beautiful and provocative book of ideas, *if*.

We are pleased to announce that copies of Angelo’s book can now be purchased from **Gleebooks, 536 Marrickville Rd, Dulwich Hill**. It would be great to have the College community support Angelo’s efforts.

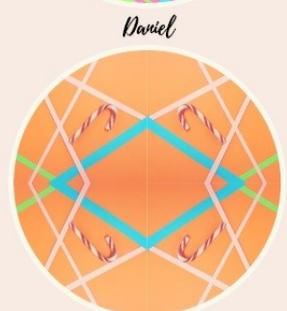
Catherine Azar—Senior School Librarian

Christmas Wrapping Paper

THE 2018 YEAR 10 PDM CLASS HAS APPLIED THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES TO CREATE A SERIES OF KALEIDOSCOPE INSPIRED CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PAPERS. AS AN INITIATIVE TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE YEAR 10 CHARITY FOCUS, THE CHALMERS ROAD SCHOOL, FOUR OF THESE DESIGNS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

PRICE	\$8	ORDER BY	Monday 26 November, 3:30pm
SIZE	90 x 60 cm	CONTACT	anthony.porra@spc.nsw.edu.au

To make a purchase email Mr Porra specifying your design choice (as per names below) and quantity. Orders will only be made after cash payment has been received by the order date above.



CURRICULUM

All My Own Work Program

All boys from Year 10 will complete the *All My Own Work* (AMOW) program on Wednesday 28 November. Students and interested parents may access the NESA *All My Own Work* program through the following link:

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-all-my-own-work>

Although this program is primarily designed to prepare Higher School Certificate students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship, it has much relevance and application to all students engaged in assignment work involving research and/or group work. This includes understanding and valuing ethical practices when locating, selecting and using information as part of their course work and assessments.

It is a mandatory requirement for all students across the State to complete the program before entering senior studies.

As per the AMOW website, the program is divided into five modules:

- Scholarship Principles and Practices
- Acknowledging Sources
- Plagiarism
- Copyright
- Working with others

Each module contains:

- Information and advice on the module focus questions
- Quiz questions
- A Summary
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Link to a glossary
- Links to relevant websites.

The *All My Own Work* program is integrated with and complements all senior NESA syllabuses. It is designed for flexible use in schools and allows for self-paced learning.

The principles and practices of the *All My Work* program are already well established and embedded in the College's Assessment Policy and procedures.

Also on the day, Year 10 will be introduced to *Turnitin*, an online assignment submission and plagiarism tool the College has recently invested in for the submission of senior assignments. Interested parents may read more about *Turnitin* at:

<https://www.turnitin.com/divisions/secondary-education>

Michael Cutrupi—Director of Curriculum

PARENTS & FRIENDS 2019

Following the Annual General Meeting of the P & F last night, we are pleased to announce the P & F Committee for 2019:

President	Mrs Jamey Poyaoan
Vice President	Mrs Jacqueline Barton
Secretary	Mrs Traci St. Lawrence
Treasurer	Mrs Natarsha Stuart
Social Events Coordinator	Mrs Elena Ierardo
Parent Year Rep Coordinator	Mrs Belinda Barakat Mrs Anne Bortolussi
General Committee Members	Mrs Kylie Buckley Mrs Claudia Elias Mrs Lourdes Farag Mrs Silvana Gittani Ms Yolanda Saiz Ms Karen Salinas Mrs Janet Tannous

St Patrick's College Strathfield ANNUAL SPEECH NIGHT & PRIZE-GIVING

THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER 2018

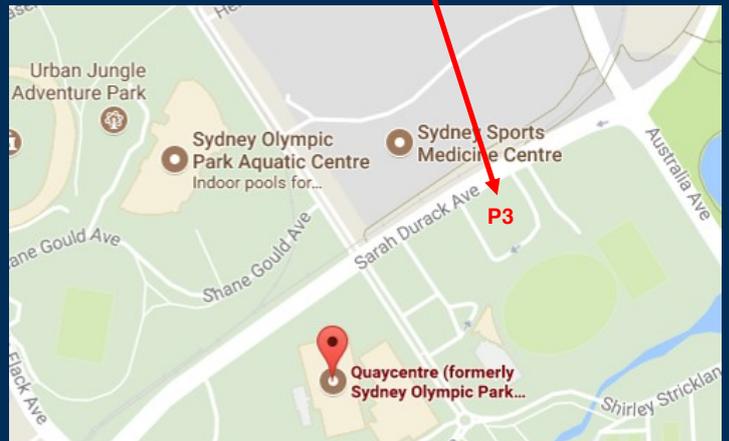
QUAYCENTRE SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

Attendance in College summer uniform is compulsory for every student. *Please be seated by 7.00pm for 7.15pm start*

SPEECH NIGHT PARKING & ROAD CLOSURES

Parking at Sydney Olympic Park Quaycentre Homebush (formally known as Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre) for Speech Night will be available in the **P3 parking area only**.

The cost will be \$5.00 per hour, with a maximum cost of \$25.00. The parking station available to the College is indicated with an arrow on the map.



The below link will direct you to Sydney Olympic Park map and road closures.

<https://www.sydneyolympicpark.com.au/map/>

NORMAL START TIME for Next Day—7 DECEMBER

ALL boys across Years 5 to 11 will commence classes as normal at 8.35am on Friday 7 December. Weekly Mass in the College Chapel will also commence as normal on Friday morning before school.



TUESDAY 27 NOVEMBER ADVENT ARVO

Children at the Heart of Christmas!

Come and Join the fun! Prizes to be won!
The Faith in Action Team at St Patrick's College Strathfield is hosting a special event for all primary school children of K-6 in the McGlade Library from 3:30 – 4:45 to enjoy an afternoon of preparing for the Christmas spirit! We invite student's younger siblings of students and children from local schools to enjoy an afternoon of Christmas joy, excitement and anticipation.

**Christmas
Afternoon Tea**

Crafts + Activities

Christmas Stories

**Christmas
Treasure Hunt**

**Riddles and
Games**

RSVP

Friday 23 November

Faith in Action Team Leader
karly.lazarou@spc.nsw.edu.au

SPORTS FIXTURES — SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2018

HEAD OF SECONDARY SPORT

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Harry MacMillan of Year 9 who has been identified in the talent pathways as one of the State's up and coming Water Polo referees. Harry will now be required to officiate at the NSW U14 Water Polo Club Championships in December at SOPAC in which he will also compete.

I also take this time to congratulate and wish Daniel Bosnich of Year 9 all the best in the near future as he was recently selected in the NSW U14s Futsal Team which will play at the FFA National Championships in January next year. I also like to extend my congratulations to Lorenzo Bilotta of Year 7 who has been identified by Football NSW and selected to train in the NSW Metro East team for 2019.

In some bigger news, congratulations to Mark Nawaqanitawase from the graduating class of 2018 whose Rugby talent has been recently identified, gaining selection in the NSW Waratahs Gen Blue Rugby program. Mark will be one of only 37 players to receive specialist coaching in all areas of his Rugby development, including the tactical and technical aspects of the game, growing leadership skills, learning about the importance of nutrition and mental skills. This is a tremendous step towards Mark's goal of becoming a professional Rugby player and puts him in great stead for gaining selection in the 2019 Junior Wallabies Squad.



End of Year Training/Playing Arrangements:

- Please note that all regular training sessions are to continue as per normal up to and including Wednesday 5 December.
- Swimming training will also cease on Wednesday 5 December.
- All Basketball as well as the 1st–4th XI and 16A Cricket teams will cease playing after the round on Saturday 1 December 2018.
- NDJCA Cricket teams will play up until Saturday 15 December 2018.
- RHBL Baseball teams will play up until Saturday 15 December 2018.

Anthony Calavassy—Head of Secondary Sport

HOMework CLUB

Parents and boys are advised that the last Homework Club session for 2018 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 28 November in the McGlade Library. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the large number of boys who used this service diligently in order to better their learning. I am certain that these boys and their parents would like to join me in thanking the staff who supervised and assisted of an afternoon. Their willingness to make themselves available to assist our students is truly appreciated by all.

Please note that Homework Club will recommence in the new year. The specific starting day and details relating to hours of operation will be distributed to parents and the boys via an early 2019 Especean edition.

Steve Fochesato—Director of Co-curricular

SENIOR SPORT

CRICKET

1st XI	v	Bye		
2nd XI	v	Chevalier	10.00	Breen Oval
3rd XI	v	Redfield	10.00	Hudson Park
4th XI	v	Kings 5th	9.00	Doyle 6
16A	v	Sydney Boys High	9.00	Moore Park West 1
15A	v	Concord Briars	8.00	Sommerville Oval
14 Black	v	Concord Briars	8.00	Cox Park
14 Gold	v	Dundas United	8.00	Doyle Park 1
13A	v	Epping District Blue	8.00	Strathfield Park 1
13B	v	RHHP Swashbucklers	8.00	Brush Farm

BASEBALL

1st IX	v	Rangers	8.30	Rofe Park
16s	v	Kissing Point	8.30	Major's Bay Reserve 3
14s	v	Stealers	11.00	Major's Bay Reserve 1

BASKETBALL

1st V	v	Redlands	11.15	Nth Beaches ISC 1
17A	v	Redlands	10.00	Nth Beaches ISC 2
17B	v	Oxley	10.00	Oxley College Ct 1
17C	v	Redlands	11.00	Nth Beaches ISC 3
17D	v	St Pius E	1.00	Oxford Falls Gym 3
17 Black	v	St Joseph's College	10.00	Auburn 2
15A	v	Redlands	9.00	Nth Beaches ISC 1
15B	v	Oxley	10.00	Oxley College Ct 2
15C	v	Redlands	8.00	Nth Beaches ISC 1
15D	v	St Pius E	12.00	Oxford Falls Gym 3
14A	v	Redlands	9.00	Nth Beaches ISC 5
14B	v	Oxley	9.00	Oxley College Ct 1
14C	v	Redlands	8.00	Nth Beaches ISC 2
14D	v	St Pius E	11.00	Oxford Falls Gym 3
14 Black	v	Knox	12.00	Great Hall 1
13A	v	Redlands	10.00	Nth Beaches ISC 5
13B	v	Oxley	9.00	Oxley College Ct 2
13C	v	Redlands	9.00	Nth Beaches ISC 2
13D	v	St Pius E	10.00	Oxford Falls Gym 3
13 Black	v	Sydney Grammar H	8.00	College St 3
13 Gold	v	Oxley B	10.00	Auburn 1

JUNIOR SPORT

BASKETBALL

Prep A	v	Waverley	Auburn 1	9.00am
Prep B	v	Waverley	Auburn 1	8.00am
Prep C	v	Waverley	Auburn 2	9.00am
Prep D	v	Waverley	Auburn 2	8.00am
Prep E	v	Waverley	Jnr School Courts	10.30am
Prep F	v	Waverley	Jnr School Courts	9.40am
Prep G	v	Waverley	Jnr School Courts	8.50am
Prep H	v	Waverley	Jnr School Courts	8.00am
Prep I	v	Waverley	Auburn 3	9.00am
Prep J	v	Waverley	Auburn 3	8.00am
Prep K	v	Waverley	Senior Courts	8.50am
Prep L	v	Waverley	Senior Courts	8.00am

CRICKET

Prep 1 st XI	v	Knox	Cooke Park	8.00am
Prep 2 nd XI	v	Knox	Ireland Field	8.00am
6A Super 8	v	Waverley	Phillips Park 2	9.30am
6B Super 8	v	Shore	Northbridge E	9.30am
6C Super 8	v	Waverley	Phillips Park 2	8.00am
5A	v	Waverley	SPC 4	8.00am
5B	v	Waverley	Phillips Park 1	8.00am
5A Super 8	v	Kings	Price 2	9.30am
5B Super 8	v	Kings	Price 2	8.00am

SOFTBALL

Prep A	v	Trinity White	Breen Oval	8.00am
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TENNIS

Tennis A	v	Cranbrook	Dangar Courts	8.00am
Tennis B	v	Barker	Clarke Rd Courts	8.00am

JUNIOR SPORT VENUES

Auburn Basketball Centre—Wyatt Park, Church St, Lidcombe
Phillips Park 1 & 2—Nicholas St, Auburn
Ireland Field—Billyard Ave, Wahroonga
SPC Courts—Edgar St, Strathfield
Northbridge E—Sailors Bay Rd, Northbridge
Cooke Park—Madeline St, Belfield
Price 2—Pennant Hills Rd, Parramatta (inside Kings)
Breen Oval—Edgar St, Strathfield
Dangar Courts—Kent Rd, Rosebay
SPC No 4—Edgar St, Strathfield
Clark Rd Courts—Clark Rd, Waitara
Waverley Snr Courts—Birrell St, Waverley
Waverley Jnr Courts—Henrietta St, Waverley

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.