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Principal

Father,
you call us together at the beginning of this new school year.
We ask you to send your spirit upon us that,
as the days and terms unfold,
we may be always mindful of your presence
and alert to opportunities to see and serve you in those around us.
We pray that we may teach well by the example of our own lives,
by our knowledge and love of learning,
by our gentleness and care of the students entrusted to us.
In all that we do and say,
we pray that, in building up the community of our College,
we may contribute to the betterment of society
and to the Kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ,
for your greater glory.
Amen.

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

As I write this first Especean editorial for 2019, I am squeezing every last drop out of my last day of holidays before the work of the professional school year commences in earnest. I have slept in until I can stand it no longer, lazed over a morning coffee and then indulged in another. I have stretched out on the lounge for far too long being immersed in my latest book and I have been determined to waste time with family and friends. I have indulged in lazy days in the sun and eaten dinner too late and stayed up too long. Summer holidays afford all of these pleasures! I presume that many of you and your sons have done much the same.

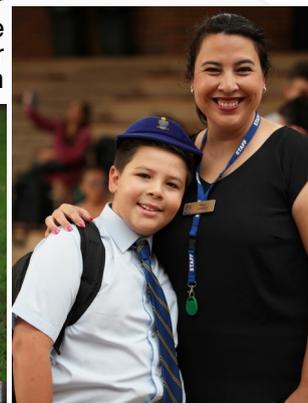
Now though, we return to the routine of the work and school year with lunches to be made, uniforms to be ironed, bags to be packed and sporting gear organised. These are all good things. We know that boys thrive on routine and I am sure that despite being forced into wearing shoes and socks and the uniform on these hot summer days, they will be excited about the year ahead. I welcome once again all the boys back to the new school year and especially to all families who are new to our school this year. It is important for all of us to extend the arms of friendship to new people in our community so that they can witness the support and vibrant spirit that is so evident in our St Patrick's College family.

All members of our school community belong to a proud, long-standing culture that is animated by the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice. Our four touchstones of Gospel Spirituality, Liberating Education, Inclusive Community and Justice and Solidarity speak to the essence of what it means to belong to an Edmund Rice community. However, none of these means anything unless they lead us back to the Gospel and the message and actions of Jesus. Our deepest concern is that we inculcate in our boys a love of God and the desire to stand with and for the poor and the marginalised. That is why much of what we do asks the boys to think of the 'other' before themselves. Every one of us in this country leads a life of relative privilege. We have an obligation to use our good fortune for the benefit of someone else. In a world where it can often be "all about me", we counter-culturally seek for our boys to make it all about someone else. When we do that, the rewards that each of us receive cannot be measured in time, money or effort. It is that feeling that we get because we further the goodness of humanity and actively promote self-giving love and peace. A tall order indeed, but one that we should not shy away from. Living the Gospel message is our love for God in action.

I pray that the year ahead is one of success, challenge and great learning for our boys; I am delighted to welcome them to the College this week. Thank you for trusting us with the education of your sons. I trust that the values of the Catholic Church, of St Patrick's College and our Edmund Rice network across the world are well aligned with your family's values and expectations. Together then, we have much in common: -our combined, singular vested interest is your son. Let this partnership guide our interactions and relationships.

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever.

Craig Wattam
Principal

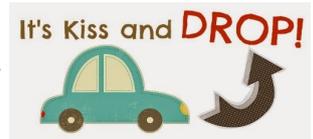


KISS & DROP PROCEDURE

To ensure the safety of members of our community and in consideration of our neighbours, all parents are asked to comply with the following request when dropping off and picking up students before and after school. Between the hours of **8.00am and 4.00pm** the only place where students can be picked up and/or dropped off is along the Fraser Street 'Kiss & Drop' area. Council and Police are monitoring this area.

Kiss & Ride zones provide:

- ◆ Drivers the opportunity to stop their vehicle within close proximity to the College.
- ◆ Students the opportunity to enter the school premises without having to cross roads or driveways.



For the safety of all drivers, passengers and pedestrians please:

- ◆ Approach the "Kiss & Ride" zone from Shortland Avenue, the "Kiss & Drop" zone is on Fraser Street. Do not park in the No Parking area and do not stop in the No Stopping area.
- ◆ Do not 'double park' or stand your vehicle in this zone from 8.00am – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 4.00pm.
- ◆ Enter or disembark from the vehicle as close as possible to the top of the zone.
- ◆ Ensure that the driver does not alight from the vehicle while in the zone.
- ◆ **Ensure that passengers enter and disembark from the vehicle via the KERB side door, preferably the rear door. Items should not be collected from the boot.**
- ◆ **In the afternoon if your son is not there you are required to move off, do a lap of the block and join the end of the queue.**
- ◆ No student is to be dropped off on Merley Road during the above times.

Please note: Parents driving to the College are asked not to park in Hydebrae Street (the street that runs perpendicular to Francis Street).

FRIDAY MASSES—TERM 1

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope that many of you will join us in the Chapel on Fridays for our weekly Masses. It would be great to have lots of people there this Friday to start the year! Mass starts at 8.15am and each week is led by a different group in the College. Below are the Masses for this term:

1 February—	Led by Staff
8 February—	NO MASS (Opening Mass)
15 February—	NO MASS (Senior Swimming Carnival)
22 February—	Led by Year 12
1 March—	Led by Year 10
8 March—	Led by Year 7

15 March—	Led by Year 9
22 March—	Led by Year 8
29 March—	Led by Year 11
5 April—	Led by Year 6
12 April—	Led by Year 5

I look forward to seeing you throughout the year at many and varied activities that reflect our faith expression.

Gillian Daley—Director of Identity

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Each year, the College renews a Student Accident Insurance policy to cover any injuries to students whilst engaged in school related activities. This policy is negotiated by our insurance broker, Willis Australia Limited, and the current policy is placed with Catholic Church Insurance (CCI).

If your child suffers a significant injury that requires medical/hospital treatment, claim forms can now be downloaded direct from the parent portal on SOLE – <https://sole.spc.nsw.edu.au>

Also on SOLE is a claims procedure document as well as the policy wording including benefits payable (the College has the higher Standard Cover not Basic Cover). The completed claim form and any relevant attachments should be returned to the College as the school must verify that the accident occurred during a school related activity before sending the claim to Willis for processing.

Please note that the policy will not cover the cost of any medical service for which a Medicare benefit is payable. This is prohibited under Federal health legislation. Parents may also wish to review the benefits that are payable and make a decision if additional private insurance coverage is warranted. For example, dental treatment can be very expensive and the benefits for loss or damage to teeth may not cover expenses incurred.

I stress that parents are encouraged to carefully read the policy and the details about what is, and is not covered. The College cannot advise you about matters to do with your own medical insurance.

The College also pays a subscription each year to Ambulance Service NSW which will cover the cost of any ambulance transport to a hospital. If you are invoiced for such a service, please forward the unpaid invoice to the College's Finance Department.

Richie Chacon—Director of Business Services



St Joseph's Church Enfield
126 Liverpool Rd, Enfield NSW 2136

Children's Sacramental Preparation 2019

Enrolment will be available online at stjosephenfield.org.au.
Dates and times are confirmed but may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Confirmation

For Children in Year 6 or older
who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion
Sacrament date: Sun 16th June 2019
Sessions @ 12pm & 3pm

Confirmation Coordinator:
Janine Hannigan
Contact: 0431 941 827
sacraments.stjenfield@gmail.com

Family Sacrament Information Session:
Sat 4th May 2019 @ 4pm in the Church

This is one of the most important sessions to attend for both the child and family.
Father Kim will give some background to the sacrament and the importance of preparing ourselves to receive this sacrament.
Candidates will also participate in a fun activity to start them off on this special journey.
Please come prepared with your Confirmation name from your chosen patron saint.
Your Confirmation name and patron Saint will serve as your inspiration and guide throughout your life!
Do your own research, and take a moment to look at your own heart to find that special Name.

Commitment Mass weekends:
Saturday & Sunday 11th/12th May 2019

1st week of lessons Start: Monday 13th May 2019
2nd week of lessons Start: Monday 20th May 2019
3rd week of lessons Start: Monday 27th May 2019
4th week of lessons Start: Monday 3rd June 2019

Rehearsal and catch up week:
Start Tuesday 11th June 2019
Sacrament date: Sun 16th June 2019
Sessions @ 12 noon and 3pm

Open invitation to parents and carers (Non-Catholic)- Catch up for Catholics:
Would you like your child/children to receive these sacraments?
Special arrangements are easily organised for families who wish their child/children to receive the sacraments
BUT
whose child/children have not been baptised or baptised in a non-catholic church.
These arrangements are also available to existing Catholic families who need to "catch up" with these special blessings for their children. It is never too late!
Please contact Linda Praum sacraments.stjenfield@gmail.com or on 0425 866 892

CURRICULUM

2018 Higher School Certificate Results

Last year, one hundred and sixty Year 12 St Patrick's College students sat the New South Wales Higher School Certificate in thirty-three courses. There were many highlights and outstanding results attained by the Class of 2018. The following points illustrate just a few:

- College Dux for 2018 is **Christopher Nuzzo**, who received an ATAR of 98.65 and six merit listings on the NSW Education Standards Authority Distinguished Achievers List. **Nicholas Doherty** is Proxime Accessit with an ATAR of 98.60, also with six merit listings and **Pasquale Rombola** placed third with an ATAR of 98.55 and five merit listings.
- Seventy-four students made the Distinguished Achievers List one hundred and fifty-five times across thirty-two courses, i.e., 94% of courses sat attained Band 6 or E4 results.
- Four students were placed on the State's All-Rounders List, each having placed on the Distinguished Achievers List for courses totalling 10 or more units: **Justin Cordi**, ATAR 97.05 and seven merit listings; **Nicholas Doherty**, ATAR 98.60 with six merit listings; **Matthew Kazzi**, ATAR 97.55 and five merit listings; and **Jamison Merhi**, ATAR 98.35 and six merit listings.
- Three students were placed on the State's Top Achievers List, having ranked among the highest placed candidates in a course: **Rhys Hughes** placed fifth in the State in Entertainment Industry; **Jamison Merhi** placed fourth in the State in French Beginners; and **Zachary Saric** placed first in the State in Entertainment Industry.
- About thirty-five (22%) students attained an ATAR above 90. Many students achieved a high ATAR and made the meritorious Distinguished Achievers List in a number of courses. For example: **John Aspite**, ATAR 97.15 and three merit listings; **Anthony Assaf**, ATAR 97.20 and two merit listings; **Arthur Barakat**, ATAR 95.35 and five merit listings; **Matthew Bottaro**, ATAR 95.95 and three merit listings; **Diarmuid Dwyer**, ATAR 95.15 and three merit listings; **Anthony Fioretto**, ATAR 97.10 and four merit listings; **Georgio Khoury**, ATAR 95.35 and two merit listings; **George Maksour**, ATAR 98.30 and four merit listings; **Nathan Nicolas**, ATAR 97.60 and five merit listings; **Alexander Panzarino**, ATAR 96.70 and five merit listings; **Tobias Pickett**, ATAR 98.00 and five merit listings; and **Anthony Travan**, ATAR 95.25 with five merit listings.
- In 30 out of 34 (88%) courses examined, the College examination average was above that of the State examination average. Eighteen courses had a school vs State variation greater than five. For example, courses with a College candidature greater or equal to twelve and a school vs State variation greater than five include: Biology 5.43 above the State average; Business Studies 6.32 above; Economics 5.71 above; Information Processes and Technology 10.30 above; Legal Studies 8.48 above; Mathematics General 2 10.38 above; Mathematics 8.76 above; Mathematics Extension 1 6.65 above; Modern History 8.07 above; PD/Health/PE 5.78 above; and Studies of Religion II (2 unit) 8.09 above. Excellent course results were also achieved in: Ancient History (11 students) 5.73 above the State average; Drama (8 students) 6.17 above; English Extension 2 (4 students) 6.94 above; Geography (9 students) 7.78 above; Industrial Technology (8 students) 17.52 above; Music 1 (6 students) 8.90 above; and French Beginners (7 students) 18.60 above the State average.
- Sixteen courses (47%) had no students below Band 4 or E3: French Beginners, Geography, Industrial Technology, Information Processes and Technology, Legal Studies, Mathematics, Music 1, Music 2, Studies of Religion II, Visual Arts, English Extension 1, English Extension 2, History Extension, Italian Extension, Mathematics Extension 2 and Music Extension.
- There were twenty-four courses (71% of courses sat) where the percentage of students with a mark of 90% or above, i.e., Band 6 or E4, was greater than that of the State. Many courses were significantly greater. For example, in Biology 11.62% of College candidates attained a Band 6 compared to 8.69% for the State; in Business Studies 19.67% compared to 8.35%; in Drama 25.00% compared to 13.79; in English Extension 2 75.00% compared to 16.59%; in French Beginners 71.42% compared to 21.56%; in Geography 11.11% compared to 8.25%; in Industrial Technology 37.50% compared to 6.19%; in Information Processes and Technology 16.66% compared to 6.83%; in Italian Extension 60.00% compared to 40.98%; in Legal Studies 18.75% compared to 12.17%; in Mathematics General 2 21.11% compared to 6.54%; in Mathematics 45.00% compared to 22.46%; in Mathematics Extension 1 48.00% compared to 32.84%; in Mathematics Extension 2 50.00% compared to 33.19%; in Modern History 14.28% compared to 10.44%; in Music 1 66.66% compared to 20.99%; in Music Extension 100% compared to 66.96%; in PD/Health/PE 11.86% compared to 6.71%; in Studies of Religion II 8.10% compared to 6.63%; and in Visual Arts 15.78% compared to 12.68% for the State.
- Similarly, there were thirty-one courses (91%) where the percentage representation of students in the two highest performance bands, i.e., Bands 5/E3 and 6/E4, were greater than that of the State. Many courses were significantly greater. For example, in Ancient History 54.54% of College candidates performed in the two top bands compared to 36.10% for the State; in Biology 55.80% compared to 36.87%; in Business Studies 62.29% compared to 36.96%; in Construction 26.66% compared to 12.99%; in Drama 62.50% compared to 42.37%; in Economics 76.18% compared to 46.39%; in English Standard 19.67% compared to 15.06%; in English Advanced 78.78% compared to 62.61%; in English Extension 2 100% compared to 71.12%; in Entertainment Industry 42.85% compared to 33.25%; in French Beginners 85.70% compared to 41.64%; in Geography 66.66% compared to 43.18%; in Industrial Technology 75.00% compared to 22.41%; in Information Processes & Technology 66.66% compared to 37.02%; in Legal Studies 81.25% compared to 43.99%; in Mathematics General 2 59.99% compared to 26.64%; in Mathematics 85.00% compared to 51.80%; in Mathematics Extension 1 96.00% compared to 79.60%; in Mathematics Extension 2 100% compared to 85.41%; in Modern History 65.30% compared to 41.82%; in History Extension 100% compared to 78.68%; in Music 1 100% compared to 64.50%; in PD/Health/PE 50.84% compared to 33.11%; in Physics 40.62% compared to 33.79%; in Studies of Religion II 83.77% compared to 40.97%; and in Visual Arts 72.00% of College candidates performed in the two top bands compared to 53.28% for the State.

Bearing in mind that the College is an academically non-selective comprehensive boys' school, the 2018 HSC results are excellent. St Patrick's College is a school where ordinary boys achieve extraordinary things.

2019 Assessment Information

Parents and boys should note that the assessment handbooks and calendars for 2019 are currently being compiled by the Faculty Leaders. As in previous years, when completed, the 2019 assessment information will be posted on *Canvas*. Please note that Year 12 were issued with their *HSC Assessment Handbook* at the commencement of fourth term last year.

Michael Cutrupi—Director of Curriculum

SPORTS FIXTURES — SATURDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2019

SENIOR SPORT

CRICKET

1st XI	v	St Stanislaus	10.00	Breen Oval
2nd XI	v	Chevalier	10.00	Chevalier - Main Oval
3rd XI	v	Blue Mountains Grammar	10.00	Hudson Park
4th XI	v			TBC
16A	v			TBC
15A	v	Hunters Hill Pirates	8.00	George Kendall Reserve
14 Black	v	West Ryde	8.00	Meadowbank Park 7
14 Gold	v	West Epping	8.00	Doyle Park 1
13A	v	Epping District Red	8.00	Robin Thomas Reserve
13B	v	Carlingford Waratahs	8.00	Mason Park 2

BASEBALL

1st IX	v	Bye		
16s	v	Five Dock	8.30	Timbrell Park
14s	v	Westboomers	11.00	Glover St 1

BASKETBALL

1st V	v	Central Coast Grammar	1.00	SPC Gym
17A	v	Central Coast Grammar	12.00	SPC Gym
17B	v	St Paul's	11.00	Auburn 2
17C	v	Oakhill Green	8.00	SPC Gym
17D	v	St Pius	1.00	Oxford Falls Gym 3
17 Black	v	Redlands C	9.00	Auburn 2
15A	v	Central Coast Grammar	11.00	SPC Gym
15B	v	St Paul's	10.00	Auburn 2
15C	v	Chevalier	12.00	Auburn 2
15D	v	St Pius	1.00	Oxford Falls Gym 2
14A	v	Central Coast Grammar	10.00	SPC Gym
14B	v	St Paul's	10.00	Auburn 1
14C	v	Chevalier	12.00	Auburn 1
14D	v	St Pius	12.00	Oxford Falls Gym 2
14 Black	v	Oxley B	1.00	Auburn 1
13A	v	Central Coast Grammar	9.00	SPC Gym
13B	v	St Paul's	9.00	Auburn 1
13C	v	St Augustine's	11.00	Auburn 1
13D	v	St Pius	11.00	Oxford Falls Gym 2
13 Black	v	Oxley B	1.00	Auburn 2
13 Gold	v	Blue Mountains Grammar	9.00	BMGS Court 1

HEAD OF SECONDARY SPORT

A very warm welcome to the new school year. Term 1 will see the end of the summer season with most teams looking to contest finals midway through the term. As always, students and parents are required to regularly check the information published via the Especean, College Website, Team App or Daily Announcements to make sure they understand the details of events.

Some key dates for this Term:

- Secondary House Swimming Carnival—Friday 15 February (Week 3)
- ISA Swimming Carnival—Wednesday 13 March (Week 7)
- Secondary House Athletics Carnival—Tuesday 19 March (Week 8)
- Secondary Winter Sport Trials—commencing from Wednesday 20 March (Week 8)
- Winter Sport Internal Trials—Saturday 30 March (Week 9)
- Cricket and Baseball Presentation Night—Wednesday 3 April (Week 10)
- Basketball and Swimming Presentation Night—Thursday 4 April (Week 10)
- Rugby and Football Trial Game vs Sydney Grammar—Saturday 6 April (Week 10)

Uniform and attendance

All boys should be well aware of where their team is playing each week and be correctly attired for their match. Boys attending fixtures in support are also reminded to wear their supporter's shirt and College shorts/tracksuit. If boys wish to wear a hat for sun protection, only the Black College Cap or White Greg Chappell Style Hat is to be worn.

Any request for leave from training or games should be directed to Mr Fochesato or me in writing in advance.

Congratulations

It is with great pleasure that we recognise and congratulate Ben Manenti (Class of 2014), a current player for the Sydney 6ers in Cricket's Big Bash League. It has been a very long time since an Old Boy of the College has played in the top grade in Cricket and our first in the BBL. Since Ben left school, he has worked hard and played several seasons of first grade for his beloved Sydney Tigers and travelled overseas to play Cricket in the UK. Ben said *"It was funny to believe that only a few months ago I was playing Oztag for Summer Hill Gym not knowing if I would be in contention this season for the 6ers and now I'm on the big stage living my dream"*.

Ben made his debut for the 6ers just after Christmas in a Man of the Match performance taking 2 wickets for just 13 runs off 4 overs. The Sydney 6ers are currently sitting in second place on the table. With only a few games left we continue to wish Ben all the best for the end of the season.

Anthony Calavassy—Head of Secondary Sport

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

Welcome back to another exciting year. I hope the Christmas and New Year period afforded you plenty of rest, relaxation and recovery time. I look forward to another successful and rewarding Co-curricular year in the Junior School.

Term 1 is traditionally a very busy time in the Junior School and this year is no different.

A few key dates to remember:

Thursday 31 January —	Junior School Summer Sports Trials (held in school hours)
Friday 1 February —	Year 5 Swimming Trials (College pool)
Wednesday 6 February —	Junior School House Swimming Carnival at Auburn Pool
Tuesday 19 March —	Junior School House Cross-Country/Fun Run

This year, there have been some changes made to nominations for NSW CIS. Students selected to trial for CIS will have their name and DOB entered along with their parent/guardians' email address. Once submitted an email will be sent to the parent/guardian to complete the students' details—this needs to be completed by the due date for nominations. Once in the system, the students' details will be retained, however if they are selected for another sport, the parent/guardian will need to confirm the details for the nomination to be accepted. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me.

This year, as in the past, the Co-curricular information, such as weekly draws and venues will be placed on Team App. I would encourage all parents and students to download the app. You will need to find St Patrick's College and then ask for access. I will then grant you access as soon as I get the notification. (if unsure look for this icon).

I look forward to seeing you all out on the paddock throughout this year.

John Locke—Junior School Coordinator of Co-curricular



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.