

# Especean

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## Principal

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

On Sunday and Monday of this week the College Executive team was away on Retreat. We offer faith formation experiences for all boys in the College and our staff enjoy a Spirituality day each year. From time to time the Executive Team spends a day or two stepping away from the coal face and takes a breath. I know that as parents and professionals we all get caught up in a frantic and frenetic life where the pace only ever seems to increase. It is so important to take stock occasionally. We need to invest in our self-hood so that this same self can be nourished. In that way, when we have re-fuelled ourselves with some goodness, we can give this same goodness away to others.

Retreat gives us a chance to spend time with God and to go into our inner world. This time, in reflection and prayer is one of great and intimate privilege. The privilege is in offering our selves the time and space to begin an inner conversation with God that leads us to being more authentic. Some people often say "get real" or get "fairdinkum" in Aussie parlance. We can not do this unless we are standing on firm inner ground. Being fairdinkum with ourselves allows us to be fairdinkum with our friends, family and workmates. Our relationships with others are always profoundly influenced by the nature of the relationship we hold with our true selves. In going into an inner world, we can then go back to face our outer world, with all its complexities and responsibilities with renewed vigour and energy. If we never tap into this inner world, we will never face up to ourselves and we all know that you can't escape *you!*

Having structured time out can and must be scheduled in our busy lives. Otherwise, we risk not doing it at all. Our job with our children (at home and school) is to provide these moments and experiences. So often we lead bits of our lives where we prepare a version of our selves that isn't authentic. Perhaps we do this because we do not trust in our true self, we don't have faith in our opinions, and we attempt to fit into a version of ourselves that we think others need or want us to be. I see this with boys who are not yet confident and comfortable in their own skin. They are trying to be someone they are not. We want to encourage our boys to be themselves – their true, authentic selves.

Naturally, because of our humanity we all make mistakes from time to time. We steer boys gently yet firmly back from falsehoods and towards truth so that they do not repeat the mistakes they have made. It is all very well for us to say go with your gut feeling, but we need to go with a gut feeling that is informed by goodness. That goodness comes from without (God) as well as the indwelling of the ever-present God or Spirit that resides within.

Investing in our prayer and faith life takes time. It must be prioritised and it must be quiet time. In that way, we allow the spirit to talk to us, instead of hearing the sound of our own voices all the time. Our world will not get any less-busy. Our lives will not magically get simpler or easier to navigate. We can do something about attending to our need to step away for just a little while, to appreciate nature, goodness, quiet, simplicity and God. We can all find hundreds of reasons to not attend to our faith life and instead to give our time over to other more pressing matters. But these pressing matters will still be there tomorrow. In the mean-time if we do pause, we can have a conversation with God, with ourselves and with each other. That is worth the investment. When was the last time you gave yourself permission to hop off the merry-go-round of work, school, home, family, friends and Sydney life?



*Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever.*

Craig Wattam  
Principal



## CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences and prayers to the Cassaniti family on the recent tragic death of Christopher Cassaniti. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

## UNIFORM SHOP NOTICE

The Uniform shop will be opened on **Saturday 6 April, 9.00am – 1.00pm.**

Tracksuits are now in stock.  
Long sleeve shirts are now available for winter.  
Football shorts now available—\$20.00.

## REMINDER:

Uniform Shop Trading Hours  
**Monday: 8.00am – 5.00pm**  
**Thursday: 8.00am – 5.00pm**  
**Friday: 8.00am – 12.00noon**

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

We have announced with sadness this week that Mrs Hackett will be leaving St Patrick's at the end of Term. Cath has been a big presence in the Junior School for many years both as a class teacher and in leadership positions, and her departure is a great loss for us. We wish her and her family all the best!

Lenten fundraising efforts continue as we push to achieve a large total to support the great work done by our partner school in Kenya. The Junior School always takes the lead in the College when it comes to fundraising—the generosity of the boys is visible and we are proud to encourage them.

We hope to help the boys grow into young men who give generously, not only because it is the right thing to do, not only because it is one way of fighting injustice, but simply because giving generously is part of who they are. In the meantime, there are some incentives (such as pizza, bacon and egg rolls, guessing competitions, and prizes) that assist the boys to decide to hand over their cash. Remember that many adults need such encouragement too! But we always remind the boys (and ourselves) of the reasons we give and the good it does in the world.

I hope you will have been talking to your sons about Lent, and about the part almsgiving plays in their preparation for Easter. Such conversations can be a great way to pass on and deepen the family's shared values.

God bless,

**Ben Munday—Director of Junior School**

## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

I sometimes get asked about the relevance of a co-curricular program in schools. Stock standardly the answer has revolved around health benefits and brain pathway development. Not forgetting the importance of giving students new experiences and allowing others to excel in their area of interest.

However, in this growing age of instant gratification the role of a co-curricular program is becoming increasingly important. When everything is available to you at a touch of a button, flip through a screen or a quick 1 second search, we start to lose some key developmental behaviours. Namely the abilities to be resilient, patient and persistent.

The co-curricular program is based in and around skill development and mastery of these new skills. No matter if you are learning an instrument, singing, playing sport or debating, skills take time to be acquired and mastered. The only way to do this is to make mistakes (resilience), practice (persistence) and allow time to help achieve a goal (patience).

These three areas have many roles to play in our daily lives, especially when looking at developing meaningful relationships, satisfaction in learning/career and general happiness. I would encourage all students and families to be involved in the co-curricular program and not to see it as something we must do, but rather as an integral part of learning and developing the whole self.

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

## YEAR 11 ANCIENT HISTORY SO FAR...

The Year 11 Ancient History course so far has ignited the passion of many students for their study of ancient civilisations and ways of life. Junior history generally focuses on more recent history and ancient topics are less likely to be included in the syllabus.

Using recent and interesting case studies, we have investigated the role of archaeologists and how they contribute to our understanding of ancient ways. The cohort has discovered how sites can be found and artefacts interpreted.

Several case studies which involved researching different ancient historical sites has taken place. Lying in the Southern desert of Peru, are the Nazca Lines. These mysterious marks are so large they can only be seen from 1,500 feet in the air, and feature animal and plant designs. We learnt how they were originally discovered, and also the different scientific methods archaeologists used to determine theories about who created them and their original purpose.

Historical debates such as who owns the past has been investigated through an analysis of the Parthenon Marbles. Here we analysed arguments for their return to Greece and for their continued display in the British Museum. The contemporary issues of looting and destruction have also been a focus this Term.

**William Yates & Ryan Mion—Year 11 Students**

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: BBG FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE 2019

The annual St Patrick's College Blue, Black and Gold Dinner is scheduled for Friday 24 May 2019. This year the BBG will also act as a fundraiser for the College in 2019. All money raised will support College classroom refurbishment. Expressions of Interest are called for any member of the College community who can volunteer their time, fundraising expertise and/or potential major prizes towards what will surely be a significant event in the College's calendar. Please email your Expression of Interest to: BBG Fundraising Committee 2019 at [spc.parents@spc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:spc.parents@spc.nsw.edu.au) **as soon as possible** as May is not too far away.

Of course we want you to join us—an invitation will arrive soon, but right now, we are asking for your support for auction items. This event is not just a great night out, it is also an important fundraiser for the College and we rely on the support of our community to ensure its success.

**Can you donate something or help us source any of the following items?**

### VACATIONS AND GETAWAYS

- Use of holiday homes
- Hotel accommodation
- Flights
- Sailing adventures
- Use of a prestige car

### FOOD & WINE

- Tour of vineyards and wineries
- Catered dinner party
- Wine from a special region or year
- A gift certificate from your favourite restaurant
- Dinner with a celebrity chef
- Rare bottles of wine or liquor

### SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

- Tickets or boxes to concerts, games, events
- Sports memorabilia
- Experiences with sports stars

### ONE OF A KIND ITEMS & OPPORTUNITIES

- Art
- Special chef's table tasting meal or cooking class
- Opening night tickets
- TV, radio or movie experiences
- Backstage passes to concerts
- Behind-the-scenes tours
- Personal shopper experience
- Meet and greet with celebrities or politicians
- Do you breed puppies or kittens?

### LUXURY

- Professional services: teeth whitening, cosmetic procedures
- Spa visits, beauty products and services
- Jewellery and gems

### HOUSEHOLD

- Trade services
- Household products

**Tickets are now on Sale for the Blue, Black and Gold Dinner go to Trybooking to purchase tickets**

# CURRICULUM

## Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews and Student Academic Reports

The Year 12 Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on the evening of Thursday 11 April in the Mary MacKillop Building commencing 3.40pm and concluding 9.00pm.

It is a College expectation that every student is in full College uniform and is accompanied by at least one parent or other primary caregiver. Parents book interview times online via *Edval Interviews* and it is also a College expectation that parents book interviews with all their sons' subject teachers. Parents should check their emails for communication over the next few days regarding interview schedules. Please contact the College's Administration Coordinator, Mrs Ayoub, regarding issues with making a booking or missed communication.

The interviews are an opportunity for parents to meet their sons' teachers and to discuss their sons' progress, including aspects of the upcoming academic reports, but more importantly to discuss strategies and recommendations for preparing for the HSC examinations.

By the end of this week, Year 12 Semester 1 Reports will be issued online via the *Parent Portal* on *SOLE*. In order to access their sons' reports, parents will be required to log on to *SOLE* and under the *Parent Portal* menu, select *Student Reports*. Parents may view and/or print the report. Only parent accounts can access student reports. Parents who have forgotten their passwords can go to the '*forgotten your username or password*' link on the *SOLE* login page.

I would like to encourage all boys of Year 12 to use the upcoming holidays wisely and not let the time pass without having done substantial preparation for the 2019 HSC. It is a very important time for Year 12 students to constructively assess their progress thus far and to make the necessary adjustments and effort in preparation for a very demanding term ahead.

There will be enough time to enjoy the upcoming holidays with family and friends, as well as time for constructive study in preparation for upcoming assessments in second term and the Trial HSC examinations which commence Monday 5 August. The Trials might seem far, but Term 2 will pass quickly. The holidays are also an ideal time not only to get on top of the work but also to get ahead. This will alleviate some of the pressure Year 12 students often experience in Term 2 of their HSC year.

**Michael Cutrupi—Director of Curriculum**

## HIGHLIGHTS OF LENTEN FUNDRAISING



# SPORTS FIXTURES — SATURDAY 6 APRIL 2019

## SENIOR SPORT FOOTBALL

1st XI	v	Sydney Grammar	1.15	SPC 3
2nd XI	v	Sydney Grammar	12.00	SPC 3
3rd XI	v	Sydney Grammar	11.00	SPC 3
4th XI	v	Sydney Grammar	12.30	Mason Park 3
5th XI	v	Sydney Grammar	11.30	Mason Park 3
6th XI	v	Sydney Grammar	10.30	Mason Park 3
7th XI	v	Sydney Grammar	9.30	Mason Park 3
8th XI	v	Sydney Grammar	8.30	Mason Park 3
16A	v	Sydney Grammar	8.30	Mason Park 1
16B	v	Sydney Grammar	9.30	Mason Park 1
16C	v	Sydney Grammar	10.30	Mason Park 1
16D	v	Sydney Grammar	9.30	Mason Park 2
16E	v	Sydney Grammar	8.30	Mason Park 2
15A	v	Sydney Grammar	8.00	Weigall 4
15B	v	Sydney Grammar	9.00	Weigall 4
15C	v	Sydney Grammar	10.00	Weigall 4
15D	v	Sydney Grammar	11.00	Weigall 4
15E	v	Sydney Grammar	10.00	Weigall 2
15F	v	Sydney Grammar	9.00	Weigall 2
14A	v	Sydney Grammar	1.00	Weigall 3
14B	v	Sydney Grammar	12.00	Weigall 3
14C	v	Sydney Grammar	11.00	Weigall 3
14D	v	Sydney Grammar	10.00	Weigall 3
14E	v	Sydney Grammar	9.00	Weigall 3
14F	v	Sydney Grammar	8.00	Weigall 3
13A	v	Sydney Grammar	11.30	Mason Park 1
13B	v	Sydney Grammar	12.30	Mason Park 1
13C	v	Sydney Grammar	11.30	Mason Park 2
13D	v	Sydney Grammar	10.30	Mason Park 2
13E	v	Sydney Grammar	12.30	Mason Park 2
13F	v	Sydney Grammar	1.30	Mason Park 2
13G	v	13H	1.30	Mason Park 1
13H	v	13G	1.30	Mason Park 1

## RUGBY

1st XV	v	Sydney Grammar	3.15	Breen Oval
2nd XV	v	Sydney Grammar	2.00	Breen Oval
3rd XV	v	Sydney Grammar	1.00	Breen Oval
4th XV	v	Sydney Grammar	12.00	Breen Oval
16A	v	Sydney Grammar	11.00	Breen Oval
16B	v	Sydney Grammar	10.00	Breen Oval
16C	v			
15A	v	Sydney Grammar	1.00	Airey Park
15B	v	Sydney Grammar	12.00	Airey Park
15C	v			
14A	v	Sydney Grammar	11.00	Airey Park
14B	v	Sydney Grammar	10.00	Airey Park
14C	v	Sydney Grammar	9.00	Airey Park
13A	v	Sydney Grammar A	11.00	Hudson Park
13B	v	TBC		
13C	v	Sydney Grammar B	10.00	Hudson Park
13D	v	TBC		

## CROSS COUNTRY

Waverley & St Aloysius' Invitational	9.00	Centennial Park Ash Paddock
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## TENNIS

All teams BYE, round

## HEAD OF SECONDARY SPORT

As you are aware, this year's Senior School Winter Sports trials (Tennis, Rugby and Football) have been heavily impacted upon with inclement weather and the lack of availability of fields. Despite this set-back, I take the time to thank all coaching staff for working diligently to place boys in teams for the first round of Rugby and Football fixtures against Sydney Grammar on Saturday 6 April which in itself is treated as another trial opportunity. **In essence, these selections are for one week only and should not be seen as a definite placement for the entire season.**

As we progress through the trials of the winter season, it is quite evident that some students will be very pleased while others will be quite disappointed with their selection. I ask that you have a discussion with your sons if this is the case. It is a trial process, and the process continues into this weekend's fixtures.

If you feel the selection is not correct, this is not an injustice, but a matter of opinion. How we choose to react is important. Ultimately, boys will be graded correctly according to the consensus of all coaches in each age group. I am a firm believer that "the cream always floats to the top".

I wish all teams the best of luck for this Saturday and hope we compete with gusto.

**Anthony Calavassy—Head of Secondary Sport**

## SENIOR SCHOOL SUMMER SPORT PHOTOS

Parents are advised that their sons will be informed of the Photo timetable for the College Summer Sports activities via their Homeroom Noticeboards. Photos will be taken in the College Hall on **Monday 8 April**.

I would kindly ask that parents ensure that their son's Summer Sports uniform is clean and in good condition for the photos. Details relating to the purchasing of photos online will be forwarded to parents via the Especean in the near future.

## SUPPORTER'S DUTY

A reminder that **Years 5 and 6** have been designated supporter's duty on **Saturday 6 April**. All boys are to report to the Powell Pavilion between 1.00pm and 1.15pm to have their names marked off. Once this has been completed, boys will move to SPC No. 3 to support the College 1<sup>st</sup> XI and await further instructions. Boys will be dismissed at the conclusion of the 1<sup>st</sup> XV game, approximate time is 4.50pm.

**Steve Fochesato—Director of Co-curricular**

## EDMUND RICE CAMPS

Edmund Rice Camps provides recreational week-long and weekend camps for underprivileged children and teens. Our January school holiday programs are a particularly busy and difficult time for us, and in 2019 we required the help of 115 individual volunteers.

We were so lucky to have the support of current St Patrick's students Charly Simoni, Lachlan Coorey, Calvin Casey, Liam Prendergast, Thomas McMullan, Edward Carrall and Mark Herro during this time. They were a fantastic addition to our camps community, bringing a whole heap of new energy, leadership and awesome skills, as well as an empathetic grounding and commitment to social justice.

Additionally, we were fortunate to be able to rely on the experience of twelve returning ex-students of the College who continue to make significant contributions to the Camps.

Thank you to all involved and to the College for your continued support. We look forward to continuing our strong partnership with St Patrick's College.

If you would like to know more about Edmund Rice Camps or would like to volunteer to be involved with the program, please contact the Programs Officer, Emily Banks on 9556 7023 or [Ebanks@edmundrice.org](mailto:Ebanks@edmundrice.org).



Lidcombe Auburn Cycling Club presents

# COME & TRY CYCLING DAY

**FREE EVENT**  
Saturday 27th April  
10am-4pm  
DGV Criterium Track  
Bass Hill

- For kids aged 4-16 years
- Free coaching
- Safe car free environment
- Free BBQ
- Fun activities
- Bring your own bike
- Training wheels welcome

Bikes will be available for kids who don't have a bike

For more information visit [lacc.org.au/jnr/ComeTry](http://lacc.org.au/jnr/ComeTry) or email [juniors@lacc.org.au](mailto:juniors@lacc.org.au)

To sign up and book a coaching session online visit: [come-try-cycling.eventbrite.com](http://come-try-cycling.eventbrite.com)

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Fixtures on the Quick Links menu or via the Team App.

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