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Principal

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

Fill this world with a mother's love! We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, who gathers us together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

This Sunday once again we will celebrate Mother's Day. While not a part of our liturgical calendar per se, we offer Mass at our College each year in celebration and honour of mothers and those in mothering roles. I know that these Masses are very well attended each year and that mothers and grandmothers look forward to participating in them. I offer a huge vote of thanks to Jamey Poyaoan (P and F President) and all of the P and F committee members and other helpers who put such an enormous amount of time and effort into the Mother's Day morning teas and making them so special.

The relationship between a boy (or a man) and his mother is something really very special to treasure. Our mothers teach us more than manners and social graces; they teach us how to love and to be loved, they teach us resilience and tenacity and they teach us how to be in the world. In many households, mothers are the glue that binds a family together. Mums lend an empathetic listening ear, they are slow to judgement but quick to support, they are patient and forgiving yet they are strong and determined. Mothers can be fiercely protective but that can also let us know that they are willing to bend and accommodate. I trust that whether you are a mother or in a mothering role, you are fortunate to be spoiled in some way this Sunday and to be thanked for what it is you do for your children. We can certainly take our mums for granted, but for a small amount of time on one day of the year we can perhaps be reminded of the selflessness our mothers have offered all of us over the years. Regardless of how old we are, we continue to be mothered.



The most important woman in a young boy's life is usually his mum. She guides and nurtures, and at times she cajoles and coerces, and mums certainly help boys navigate their own world as they grow. Our mums give us our first understandings of the feminine. This helps us understand and learn about the masculine. Be assured mums, that boys do listen even when they give you every impression that they did not hear you, and that they do appreciate all that you do for them, even if they do not eloquently and articulately say so.

I was visiting with my own mum in the holidays. My mum still offers sage advice, and she lets me know in myriad unspoken ways that she loves me, is proud of me and would do anything in her power to help me out. She has raised my siblings and me without complaint or expectation, with unconditional love and in turn she has helped us raise our own children. My mother tells me she is lucky to have such fine grandchildren who wish to visit with her and be involved in her life. She deserves and has earned this through the relationship she has built with them from the moment they were born. My mum continues to mother me even though I am well and truly grown up! She tells me she will never stop doing so. For all of these things and more I will be forever grateful.

For those of us who have lost our mothers, I offer prayers and remembrance this weekend. May it be a time of fond recollection as opposed to sadness. Pope Francis has this to say about Mothers:

"A world that looks to the future without a mother's gaze is shortsighted. It may well increase its profits, but it will no longer see others as children. It will make money, but not for everyone. We will all dwell in the same house, but not as brothers and sisters," the pope said.

Humanity "is built upon mothers," adding that "a world in which maternal tenderness is dismissed as mere sentiment may be rich materially, but poor where the future is concerned."

Happy Mother's Day!

CONDOLENCES

Please pray for Archie Heads (Year 7) and his family as they mourn the loss of his grandfather Edward Harry Patterson in Scotland. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever.



Craig Wattam
Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Photos will take place on Monday 13 May. Information regarding the ordering of photos has been sent to parents. Boys will need to bring their photo envelope on the day and be in full College winter uniform including blazers. Sibling photos for Junior and Senior School will also take place on this day. Envelopes for ordering family photos can be obtained from the school office prior to this day.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Writing—As you know, improving students' writing is a College-wide focus this year. It is hard to improve everything at once, so we have something of a hierarchy of things to think about. We tell Junior students to think about the following:

- Firstly, focus on your **purpose**, your **audience** and your **message**
- Next, focus on **text structure**, **cohesion**, and developing the **ideas**
- After this, focus on **vocabulary**, **spelling**, **grammar**, **punctuation** and **handwriting**

As with all skills, our writing proficiency develops as we practise and try new things. Please encourage your boys to participate in the following competitions/events that are advertised around the Junior School.

- What matters – persuasive writing, closes 10 May
- Young Journalist Award – informative writing, closes 25 May
- Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards – poetry, closes 30 June
- WriteOn – imaginative writing, closes 5 July

Items delivered to the office—Please do not bring items (homework, sport uniforms etc.) to the office and ask to be able to take them to your son, or for them to be delivered to him, or for him to come and collect them. Although it may seem like a small thing to you, I hope you can appreciate that in a school with 1400+ students this becomes very disruptive. Office staff have been directed to let you know they are not able to assist with these requests – I hope you will respect this and oblige. Many thanks for your understanding and good will. God bless,

Ben Munday—Director of Junior School

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

At the beginning of the Term 1 holidays the St Patrick's College Prep Rugby Squad travelled to Armidale for our annual Rugby tour. The boys have written a reflection of their time.

SPC Armidale Rugby Tour 2019—The experience, The Armidale School (TAS) provided was fantastic and the boys really enjoyed many aspects of it. On Friday 12 April, 40 boys travelled to Armidale on the 8-hour bus ride. The weekend provided a wonderful opportunity to bond as a squad and develop our Rugby skills. We slept on mattresses in different classrooms and ate breakfast and dinner from the dining hall with 48 other Rugby teams. The St Patrick's Black team faced many tough opponents after being placed in the first division for the tournament. Unfortunately, the boys were unable to secure any wins. However, the results were quite close, and the boys displayed excellent grit and determination despite being bruised and battered by some of the best Rugby teams in the country. All the boys played very well across the weekend and the Player of the Tournament for St Patrick's Black was Charlie Gray.

The benefits of the Armidale Tour were witnessed in the Prep 1st XV's massive 1st round win at Airey Park last Saturday. The team knocked off Newington 53-0. The Blue team faced many challenges as well, though we were in a lower division. We played a series of four games on the first day of the tournament that had twelve-minute halves and a full game on Sunday with twenty-minute halves. After the first day, facing four games we were all tired, we got back to our dorms and watched the NRL or fell asleep straight away. The Blue team took home one victory against Nudgee College 14 – 5. We all tried our hardest and learnt an amazing amount in a very short time period. We tried out new positions on the tour which will benefit us this season. The Player of the Tournament for St Patrick's Blue was Louis Galvin.

Off the back of the Armidale tour, our team played a great game on the weekend. Unfortunately, we went down 7-10 but it was a huge improvement from last year. All boys on the tour would like to thank Mr. Locke, Mr. Davis, Mr. Clarke and Mr. Leary for their time and guidance across the weekend. We would also like to thank all families that travelled to Armidale to support the players. Everybody on the tour is very grateful for this amazing experience and will remember this for a very long time.

By Joshua Malone, William Allen, Luciano de Marcellis and Callum Whitehead (Year 6)

Thank you, gentlemen.

John Locke—Junior School Coordinator of Co-curricular

JUNIOR SCHOOL LENT COMPETITION

As part of Lenten experiences, the Junior School boys were encouraged to enter the "Lent Competition". The task was to design a symbol that represented the season of Lent and then explain what this Symbol is and how it is significant. With over 250 boys submitting entries judging proved most difficult as the quality was extremely high. Congratulations to Patrick Gittani, Oliver Avvenevole, Guy Witt, Rowan Bleasel, Alessandro Livolsi and Dominic Short. Thanks to the Junior School boys and teachers for their continued support of "all things Religion".

Philip Davis—Junior School REC



YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY—SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK WETLANDS EXCURSION

During Term 1, Year 7 Geography students explored a diversity of landscapes and landforms on Earth in the classroom. To deepen their knowledge of this topic, Year 7 geographers recently participated in a fieldwork excursion to the Sydney Olympic Park Wetlands. During the trip, students examined the environmental and human processes that form and transform landscapes and landforms in the field. They also learned about the methods of wetland management and protection implemented by the Sydney Olympic Park Authority. This included the use of geographical tools to conduct studies into the functioning of the wetland ecosystem. Each student represented the College outstandingly well and thanks goes to all teachers who took part in the excursion.

Luke Reynolds—HSIE B Studies Coordinator



CURRICULUM

Year 12 Semester One Academic Awards

At last Friday's College Assembly, we acknowledged Year 12 academic excellence for Semester One, given that the HSC course commenced in fourth term of Year 11. Recipients were presented by Dr Wattam with their First Place in course certificates.

Christian Bejjani	English Extension 1	Joseph Iannella	Physics
Jacob Boghos	Mathematics Extension 2	Jacob Khoudair	English Standard
	Catholic Studies	Alessandro La Mela	Italian Beginners
Joshua Brereton	Business Studies		Engineering Studies
	Economics	Daniel Lawler	VET Construction
Edward Carrall	Modern History	Luke Malacco	Legal Studies
	Visual Arts		Modern History
Philip De Pasquale	Modern History	Brendan Maroun	Industrial Technology - Timber
Lawrence De Pellegrin	Modern History	Elijah Mouawad	Biology
Iban Elhorga	Mathematics Standard 2	Julian Murdocca	Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
	Music 1	Angelo Nicolas	Economics
Jeremy Ellis	English Advanced		Music 2
	French Beginners		Studies of Religion I
Daniel Failla	Earth and Environmental Science	Marc Salamone	Italian Continuers
Christopher Farag	Chemistry	Anthony Sarcasmo Gerdes	Chemistry
	Mathematics Extension 1	Isaac Seeto	Engineering Studies
	Studies of Religion II	Damian Sue	Information Processes & Technology
Christopher Hanzek	Economics	Xavier Tregaeagle	Mathematics

2019 HSC Written Examination Timetable now available online

The 2019 HSC examination timetable is now available for viewing online via the NESA website at:

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/key-dates-exam-timetables/hsc-written-exam-timetable>

HSC students can view their personal timetable via their *Students Online* account. It is requested that students check their examination timetable to ensure that all their examinations appear correctly. Any student with a concern regarding their HSC Timetable must notify Mr Cutrupi promptly.

Michael Cutrupi – Director of Curriculum

FOUNDER'S DAY 2019

Friday 7 June marks the annual celebration of Founder's Day. We would like to advise parents/carers of the following:

- Compulsory attendance by all boys in full **College uniform** is expected. Boys who are absent on the day will be required to obtain a medical certificate and present it to their homeroom teacher on their first day back. Leave will not be approved for this day; parents are also advised that due to the Staff Spirituality day on Tuesday 11 June there will be no school for students.
- **Boys** are required to attend school at the **normal time** and they will be **dismissed at 2.00pm**. Younger boys will be escorted down to Strathfield Station by members of the College's Student Leadership Team.
- **Boys will not be required to bring bags/belongings to school on this day**. The exception to this may be competitors in the annual Waterford Mile who can store any clothes in their lockers.
- Boys will be expected to be in attendance for the **Founder's Day Mass, Concert and Waterford Mile**.
- **Canteen facilities** will operate in the morning and **during Recess** with all menu items being available. A barbeque lunch will be provided for all students.

If there are any concerns about dietary requirements please contact Mr Robert Simpson at the College robert.simpson@spc.nsw.edu.au. Any additional details regarding the organisation of the day will be provided in the Especean prior to the event.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS WITH A WWCC REQUIRED

As with previous years, a barbeque lunch will be supplied for our students and staff. We would be very grateful to any parent who holds a **current WWCC** volunteering their assistance for this event.

In order to help streamline the event, we have decided to offer a choice of two shifts (or both) for the volunteers:

Shift 1: 8.30am – 10.00pm Food preparation (College Hall)

Shift 2: 11.00am – 2.15pm Set up, cooking, serving and clean up (Tennis Courts)

This is a great opportunity to share part of the celebrations of Founder's Day with your sons.

Please email: ingrid.viney@spc.nsw.edu.au **once you have all three requirements prior to Tuesday 21 May:**

- **WWCC number**
- **DOB**
- **Copy of your photo ID e.g. driver's licence**

Please also indicate your **son/s name, House/s and which shift you are available for**.

When all responses have been received and checked there will be an email confirmation and further instructions provided.

We really appreciate all your help on this special College day.

If you do not currently have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC) number or would like to apply for one you can do so by contacting the Office of the Children's Guardian. For a volunteers WWCC it is free. Please refer to the link below.

<https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

Rob Simpson
Director of Wellbeing

Ingrid Viney
Events Coordinator

YEAR 7 HISTORY EXCURSION

On Tuesday 30 April, all Year 7 History classes left school to go on quite the adventure. Firstly, we visited the Nicholson Museum at the University of Sydney. Our first activity was 'hands on' where we all chose one Ancient artefact whether that be Egyptian or Roman or Chinese. All these artefacts are thousands of years old; they ranged from what looked like spear heads, to amulets to religious items. We were instructed to draw the object and explain four things: the material, its use, where it was from and what it was. I chose what seemed like an amulet from Ancient Egypt, that was approximately 3500 years old. We were then allowed to hold an authentic sword from Ancient Greece. From the 'Hands-On Room' we moved to the Museum itself. We saw the mummy of a boy taken out of his sarcophagus but still wrapped. We also saw a mummy's head unwrapped. Our guide told us that once when moving the head, he accidentally looked into its eyes and he felt the mummy looked into his soul. He said he didn't sleep very well for the next couple of months. None of us looked at that head for very long after that. Then we saw the Sarcophagus of a man and one of a woman. Later we saw a model of Ancient Athens and the Acropolis. This temple originally had a statue to the Goddess Athena which was coated from head to toe in gold and ivory. As well we saw an amazing Lego construction of Pompeii which included several anachronisms (an object or animal in the wrong time) that we had to spot and share with the group. Finally, we moved on to the Etruscans. These people had a huge empire and were famous for their trade, money, land and large army. Their only problem was they decided to challenge Rome – a bad idea! The Romans defeated them and stole their stories, inventions, customs, rituals.



From Sydney Uni we travelled to the Australian National Maritime Museum at Darling Harbour. We entered a 'classroom' and in came our guide. If you ask anyone in my group this was probably the funniest part of the day. Every five or so words he would SHOUT OUT whatever that word was, like 'Yes!!', 'Perfect!!' and so on. It was a little weird but fun. In this area we learnt the history of scuba gear and about underwater archaeology where their tool of choice is a vacuum as they are unable to use shovels under the water. In the museum itself we learnt about the time of the First Fleet. In those days if you had an infection in your arm it was amputated with a saw and no anaesthetics were used. It made me realise how lucky we are today. Finally, we saw a video of James Cameron's exploration to the bottom of the Mariana trench – the deepest point in the Pacific Ocean where nothing lives. It was a very interesting video.

I think everyone on the excursion would agree that it was a very enjoyable, interesting and a worthwhile day. Thank you to the staff who made it possible.

Christopher Sioud – Year 7 Student

ALL HALLOWS CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Last Sunday the Senior String Ensemble represented the College at All Hallows Parish Five Dock, Centenary Celebrations. The String Ensemble performed a range of repertoire to a very appreciative audience. Well done to all boys involved on both their performance and the exemplary way they represented the College.

Derek Rose – Bandmaster



UK CRICKET TOUR FUNDRAISING

Touring students will be selling raffle tickets to businesses of any kind. It is \$50 per ticket, with the winning business having their logo placed on the Tour Backpack, plus a full page ad in the Tour Booklet. There will also be a 2nd and 3rd prize – half page ads in the Tour Booklet. If you would like to purchase one or more tickets but don't know who to see please email me at gillian.daley@spc.nsw.edu.au and I will arrange for you to buy tickets. All proceeds will contribute to the UK Cricket Tour. Thanks in advance for your support.

As well as this we previously sought help from the community in donations that can be raffled or used for silent auctions at our Cricket Tour Dinner. If you are able to help in any way could you let me know please?

Gillian Daley – MIC Cricket

SPC UK CRICKET TOUR FUNDRAISING DINNER

All members of the community, Old Boys and friends are invited to support the UK Cricket Tour Squad by joining us for Dinner and an evening of Cricket.

Date: Saturday 15 June
Time: 6.00pm for a 7.00pm start; to conclude at 11.00pm
Venue: Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Parade Bankstown
Cost: \$85 per ticket



The ticket price includes a three-course buffet menu, tour memorabilia, a guest presenter and fundraising support. Drinks are not included.

As part of the night there will be some live auctions, silent auctions and a raffle, along with an interview with our surprise guest. Prizes include sporting memorabilia, a weekend away and a variety of other prizes.

Book a table (tables of 10) or individual tickets. If you want to have your own table, someone needs to book early and click on table leader. Then as you book you can choose to join that table or set up your own.

Bookings can be made on the Old Boys website at:

<https://oldboys.spc.nsw.edu.au/ocd.aspx?action=showReunion&reunionName=E20> So, put the date in your calendar and get your friends together!

Any questions can be directed to gillian.daley@spc.nsw.edu.au

SPC 2019 WINTER APPEAL

The College will hold its annual Winter Appeal on **Friday 17 May** (next week). We ask that families send in blankets (used or new), sleeping bags (used or new), new warm men's socks, new woolen gloves/beanies and toiletry items (like we did last year).

All items will be gifted to Sydney's homeless persons throughout the winter months. Please see the email to all parents and students from Gillian Daley that explains what toiletries to bring – they need to be small with secure lids. **Please do not send large items.** Each House has been allocated an item to bring in next Friday along with the warm items. Please **DO NOT** bring in clothes or items that are soiled or in poor condition. Students will bring all donations to the *Bangawarra Room* during Homeroom next Friday.

In preparing for this collection let us stop and put ourselves in the shoes of those who live on the streets and often don't experience human love. What would we like to receive? What can we carry?

Thank-you for your generosity.

VISIT TO CENTACARE & HOW YOU CAN HELP

In the holidays the boys from SJAG spent the day at Centacare in Belmore, working alongside adults with disabilities. While we were there we were shown some of the different educational and workplace activities in which the Centacare employees are involved. We made cupcakes and pancakes for morning tea, and then worked in the warehouse for the rest of the day, as part of production lines and doing things like packing boxes and shredding. The day was filled with laughter and conversation and left everyone feeling very grateful for the opportunity to spend the day there. We really appreciated their happy work environment and readiness to share and apply their skills in the jobs that they do.

If you own a small business or company that requires manual labour such as packing goods, folding fabric, sorting or shredding of documents, gardening and the like we urge you to consider hiring Centacare to do the job for you. It is a positive work environment and need our business to keep running. For more information visit <https://www.catholiccare.org/employment-services/centacare/partner-with-us/>

You can also help raise much needed funds while keeping fit by joining the team at the Blackmores Sydney Running Festival. Visit <https://bsrf.grassrootz.com/catholiccare> to sign up for the run and set up your fundraising page to support them. You can run or walk any length you like.

We fully endorse and support the work of Catholic Care and hope you get behind them as much as possible.

Harrison Vellar
Social Justice Prefect

and

Gillian Daley
Director of Identity



THE SPC PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS OF THE BLUE, BLACK & DINNER 2019 FOR THEIR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT.

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CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM—SUPPORT FOR ELITE STUDENTS

The College has become increasingly aware of the growing external demands placed on our students who are engaged in elite programs in the fields of sport and the performing arts. Managing these demands along with the pre-agreed terms of the College's Co-curricular expectations can be difficult at times. Given that, parents and boys are advised that the College will put measures in place for those students that have been identified as elite participants in their chosen areas.

While there is no doubting the benefits the College community can derive from our students participating in external elite programs, processing individual requests with, at times, subjective criteria can be challenging. To that end, I offer the following guidelines.

First Tier: If a request for leave is presented to me in advance, students who are selected to represent at **State or National levels in sport or in the Sydney Youth Orchestra**, wherever possible, will continue to be granted leave from representing the College should a clash occur with training and or fixtures/performances. Parents are kindly asked to forward supporting documentation with their written/emailed requests. Those families requesting exemption from the regular school week are asked to send their request to Mr Simpson our Director of Wellbeing, with sufficient notice.

Second Tier: Valid to boys participating in two (2) or more full College Co-curricular activities per year, e.g. Athletics and Cross Country count as one full Co-curricular activity.

Allowances may also be made for students engaged at recognised **Club Representative levels, examples of which include, but are not limited to:**

- Rugby League - Harold Matthews Cup
- AFL - Swans and Giants Academies
- Football - NPL 1 and NPL 2
- Basketball - Metro Junior League Division 1 and 2

These allowances apply to students seeking early release time from their first scheduled College training/practice session of the week. Ordinarily, these students will be permitted to leave half way through the session if they have an external Club Representative training session that afternoon. These students may also seek to swap their winter Supporter's duty for another date should it clash with their external representative fixture. Parents seeking this type of leave are to forward their request to Mr Calavassy [Head of Secondary Sport], Mr Locke [Junior School Co-ordinator of Co-curricular] or me and await an approval. Parents are kindly asked to forward supporting documentation with their written/emailed requests. **It is important to note that leave will not be granted from attending the College's fixture/performance nor does this allowance apply to those students selected in the "First or Seconds".**

Steve Fochesato—Director of Co-curricular

SUPPORTER'S DUTY

A reminder that **Years 5, 6 and 9** have been designated supporter's duty on **Saturday 18 May**. All boys are to report to the Powell Pavilion between 1.00 and 1.15pm to have their names marked off. Once this has been completed, boys will move to the back ovals to support the College 1st XI and await further instructions. Boys will be dismissed at the conclusion of the 1st XV game, approximate time is 4.50pm.

WELLBEING

As the staff and students settle into the busy Term 2 schedule, I thought it timely to reflect on the some of the Wellbeing initiatives that were undertaken at the College during Term 1.

In the Junior School the Year 5 boys participated in the new Peer Support Program with activities being run over the course of the term with Year 10 Leaders. Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 viewed performances from Brainstorm Performances that dealt with topics such as anxiety, resilience, harassment, exclusion and digital citizenship. Years 5, 6 and 7 will view their performances in Terms 2 and 3. Years 11 and 12 have participated in sessions with Reach Out and Batyr, which focused on handling mental health issues, as well as viewing episodes of the acclaimed 'Man Up' series.

The College's participation in the National Day of Action Against Bullying on 15 March saw all students attend the role play performances by the 'Think About It' group. Issues such as bullying, harassment of females, inappropriate use of language towards the marginalised, mental health and friendships were explored.

Year 8 participated in the annual Cybersafety Day in February and students in other Year groups have been spoken to about responsible use of technology and their digital footprint in Pastoral Care Periods [PCPs].

Year groups have taken time to undertake both personal and academic goal setting in PCPs and homeroom. Students have been tutored on how to access and use CANVAS efficiently to assist with their academic organisation.

There are plans underway for a Wellbeing Week to be held later in Term 2, encompassing initiatives linked to the spiritual, academic, emotional, social and physical dimensions of wellbeing. Further details will be provided closer to the week.

TERM 1 SURVEY

The annual Relationships, Support and Bullying [RSB] Survey was again undertaken during Term 1, with over 1100 students, parents and staff contributing feedback. The data has been reviewed by the Executive and the Wellbeing Team; key observations will be used with teaching staff in the coming weeks to review current procedures and work on developing further initiatives for areas that require attention such as opportunities for effective student participation and communication with parents. Four out of five respondents have a positive perception of their sense of connection and belonging to the College and that developing respectful relationships was a strength of the College. Another key area for attention is addressing the ways that some students communicate with their peers, with reports of negative comments directed at students in the playground being identified as a key concern. However, it was encouraging to view the data indicating that more students are willing to report this type of negative behaviour so it can be addressed earlier by staff.

STRATHFIELD ROTARY YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Wednesday 10 April marked the annual Strathfield Rotary Youth Achievement Awards, held at the local Strathfield Town Hall. The College had three students nominated in different categories—Edward Carrall (Year 12) and Michael Sakr (Year 7) for their contribution to Community Service, and Mitchell Woods for his contribution to Sport. It was exciting to see Michael recognised for his fundraising efforts during 2018 as he was named a joint winner of the Community Service Award.

Robert Simpson—Director of Wellbeing



SPORTS FIXTURES — SATURDAY 11 MAY 2019

SENIOR SPORT

FOOTBALL

1st XI	v	St Spyridon	11.00	Chifley Reserve 1
2nd XI	v	St Pius 3rd	11.00	Walsh Oval
3rd XI	v	St Spyridon 2nd	9.30	Chifley Reserve 1
4th XI	v	Newington 6th	9.30	Mason Park 1
5th XI	v	Newington 7th	8.30	Mason Park 1
6th XI	v	Newington 8th	10.30	Mason Park 2
7th XI	v	Newington 9th	9.30	Mason Park 2
8th XI	v	Newington 10th	8.30	Mason Park 2
16A	v	St Spyridon	8.00	Chifley Reserve 1
16B	v	Chevalier A	10.15	Chevalier - Far Avenue 2
16C	v	St Pius B	8.00	Watkins Oval
16D	v	Newington D	11.30	Mason Park 1
16E	v	Newington E	10.30	Mason Park 1
15A	v	St Spyridon	2.00	Chifley Reserve 2
15B	v	St Spyridon	1.00	Chifley Reserve 2
15C	v	St Pius B	11.00	Watkins Oval
15D	v	Newington E	1.00	Buchanan Oval 1
15E	v	Newington F	12.00	Buchanan Oval 1
15F	v	Newington G	11.00	Buchanan Oval 2
14A	v	St Spyridon	1.00	Chifley Reserve 1
14B	v	SPC 13B	12.30	Mason Park 1
14C	v	Redfield B	10.00	Redfield 1
14D	v	Newington C	8.00	Buchanan Oval 2
14E	v	Newington E	9.00	Buchanan Oval 2
14F	v	Newington F	10.00	Buchanan Oval 2
13A	v	St Spyridon	2.00	Chifley Reserve 1
13B	v	SPC 14B	12.30	Mason Park 1
13C	v	Oakhill D	9.00	Lawrence Oval
13D	v	St Pius C	11.00	Chaplin Oval 2
13E	v	Newington D	11.30	Mason Park 3
13F	v	Newington E	10.30	Mason Park 3
13G	v	Newington G	11.30	Mason Park 2
13H	v	Newington H	12.30	Mason Park 2

RUGBY

1st XV	v	Shore 2nd	2.00	Northbridge A
2nd XV	v	Shore 3rd	1.00	Northbridge A
3rd XV	v	Shore 5th	11.00	Northbridge A
4th XV	v	Shore 7th	9.00	Northbridge A
5th XV	v	Shore 9th	8.00	Northbridge B
16A	v	Shore B	1.00	Northbridge B
16B	v	Shore D	11.00	Northbridge B
16C	v	Shore F	10.00	Northbridge B
15A	v	Shore A	12.00	Breen Oval
15B	v	Shore D	9.00	Breen Oval
14A	v	Shore B	11.00	TGS No. 1
14B	v	Shore D	9.00	TGS No. 1
14C	v	Shore E	8.00	TGS No. 1
13A	v	Shore A	2.00	Northbridge C
13B	v	Shore D	11.00	Northbridge C
13C	v	Shore F	9.00	Northbridge C
13D	v	Newington E	1.00	Breen Oval

TENNIS

Div 1	v	St Pius	8.00	Love n Deuce
Div 2	v	St Pius	8.00	Strathfield Sports Club
Div 3	v	St Pius	8.00	Love n Deuce
Div 4	v	St Pius	8.00	Strathfield Sports Club
Div 5	v	St Pius	8.00	Love n Deuce
Div 6	v	St Pius	8.00	Strathfield Sports Club
Div 7	v	St Pius	8.00	Love n Deuce
Div 8	v	St Pius	8.00	Love n Deuce
Div 9	v	St Spyridon	8.00	Strathfield Sports Club
Div 10	v	St Pius	8.00	Strathfield Sports Club

CROSS COUNTRY

Riverview	v	9.00	Riverview College
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JUNIOR SCHOOL FIXTURES

RUGBY

Prep 1 st XV	v	Cranbrook	9.00am	Woollahra 2
Prep 2 nd XV	v	Cranbrook	8.15am	Woollahra 2
Prep Blue 7s	v	TBC	10.40am – 11.40am	Koola Park
Prep Black 7s	v	TBC	10.40am – 11.40am	Koola Park
Prep Gold 7s	v	TBC	9.40am – 10.40am	Koola Park
11A	v	Scots	9.00am	Latham Park Upper
11B	v	Scots	8.15am	Latham Park Upper
10A	v	Waverley	8.00am	Queens Park 7

AFL

Prep AFL	v	Barker 1	8.00am	Rofe Park
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HEAD OF SECONDARY SPORT

In the lead up to the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, there was a campaign which ran themed "Celebrate Humanity" which was designed to communicate the core values of the Olympic Games. On television and radio aired stories of Olympic athletes and their remarkable dedication, the friendships formed, the strengths of individual characters, and the joy in one's efforts to be the best they could be. The campaign rejoices in and invites the world to celebrate these values.

One of my favourite clips produced during this campaign was narrated by actor/comedian Robin Williams:

ADVERSARY

You are my adversary, but you are not my enemy.

For your resistance gives me strength,

Your will gives me courage,

Your spirit ennobles me.

And though I aim to defeat you, should I succeed, I will not humiliate you.

Instead, I will honor you.

For without you, I am a lesser man.

During Saturday's fixtures and the course of this season I ask you remember the words: "You are my adversary, but you are not my enemy... for without you, I am a lesser man"

At St Patrick's College we strive to develop skills in students that will enable them to leave this College as resilient and spirited young man. One of the reasons I love sport so much, especially team-based sports, is that it gives you the opportunity to learn these skills outside the classroom in a competitive arena of your interest – to learn about team work, effective communication, and problem solving. Learning about decision-making, backing the decisions you've made and taking responsibility for them as well as being able to win humbly, while dealing with disappointment and losses in a gracious manner are all skills we like to engender in our boys.

At last Friday's assembly I set the following challenge to all students:

I challenge you to apply yourself to your chosen sport, to push yourself and to devote yourself to the team. I challenge you to communicate respectfully to your team mates, coaches and most importantly the referees. I challenge you to enjoy the contest, to enjoy the resistance of your opponent and to simply enjoy beauty of the game. What defines your character is not what someone says on your behalf, but how you conduct yourself. Be good Sportsmen!

Black and Green Shield

Last Saturday saw our Rugby teams contest the Black and Green Shield for 2019. It is unfortunate that our Football or Tennis teams did not play a role in gaining points for the Shield this year. However, in what proved to be a very competitive day of fixtures across all age groups, it saddens me to announce that Trinity Grammar for the next year will hold onto the Black and Green Shield having won the day 7 games to 6 (1 draw).

Congratulations

In November last year I wrote to congratulate Mark Nawaqanitawase from the graduating class of 2018 for gaining selection in the NSW Waratahs Gen Blue Rugby Program. In less than six months, Mark gained selection in the final 2019 Junior Wallabies Squad to compete in the Oceania U20 Rugby Championships, to be held on the Gold Coast. On behalf of the College community, I congratulate Mark who worked his way into the side as a starting winger and for his outstanding performances at the championships. Mark and the Junior Wallabies defeated New Zealand in the final 24 – 0.

Well done to Markus Parinetto who came 2nd at last week's CIS Diving Championships in springboard and will go through to the All Schools competition on 13 May at Sydney Olympic Park.

Anthony Calavassy — Head of Secondary Sport



FOOTBALL

Prep A	v	Cranbrook	9.30am	Mason Park 3
Prep B	v	Cranbrook	8.45am	Mason Park 3
Prep C	v	Cranbrook	8.00am	Mason Park 3
Prep D	v	St Aloysius	7.30am	Anderson Park
Prep E	v	Scots E	11.15am	Christison Park 1
11A 1	v	St Pius X	8.45am	SPC 3
11B 1	v	St Pius X	8.00am	SPC 3
11C 1	v	St Pius X	10.15am	SPC 3
11D 1	v	St Pius X	9.30am	SPC 3
11A 2	v	Riverview	8.45am	SIC Field 6
11B 2	v	Riverview	8.00am	SIC Field 6
11C 2	v	Riverview	8.45am	SIC Field 6
11D 2	v	Riverview	8.00am	SIC Field 6
11 E	v	Grammar Edg	11.15am	Queens Park 5
10A	v	Newington Wyv	9.30am	SPC 3
10B	v	Newington Wyv	8.45am	SPC 3
10C	v	Newington Wyv	8.00am	SPC 3

VENUES:

Mason Park 3—Underwood Rd, Homebush
Latham Park Upper—86R Moverly Rd, South Coogee

Anderson Park—Kuraba Rd, Neutral Bay
Christison Park—Old South Head Rd, Vaucluse

SPC 3—Cnr Merley Rd & Francis St, Strathfield

SIC Field 6—Regis Campus, Riverview Rd
Queens Park 5 & 7—Darley St, Waverley
Rofe Park—100 Galston Rd, Hornsby Heights

Woollahra 2—28 Manion Ave, Rose Bay
Koola Park—26A Koola Ave, East Killara



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