



Legacy

Tradition



Catholic Faith

Community



In 2017 the St Pius X College community proudly celebrated and gave thanks for the 80th Anniversary of the College. This commemorative booklet records the three major events attended by more than 3000 students, staff, parents, Old Boys and their families and special guests including Christian Brothers and former Headmasters.

Jack Hammond (Year 5) with his grandfather Mr Ken Hammond (SPX 1957)

Special guests, Mr and Mrs Phil Chaplin. Chaplin Oval is named in honour of Mr Chaplin's father.

Mrs Sue Cheney, her father Mr Kevin Mutkins a 1937 student, with Mr Couani

Br Sherrin with 2017 House Captains

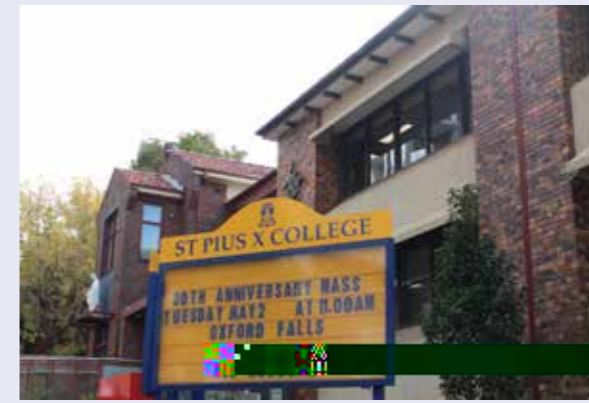
Banners depicting the events of every decade of the College

Catholic Faith

Special guests at 80th Anniversary Mass

80th Anniversary and Founder's Day Mass

2 May 11 am Oxford Falls



In this week of the Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice we honour in every way the Ministry of the Christian Brothers. So too for 80 years we honour the vision of our Parish Priests from Our Lady of Dolours. Today too I wish to acknowledge the many

Special Guests

Former Headmasters of the College Mr Tom Casey (1979-81) and his wife Helen, Br Brian Moylan (1982), Br Myron Byrne (1983-85) and Br Michael Walsh (1986-94) Christian Brothers, Br Paul Coster (Old Boy), Br Carl Sherrin (Old Boy 1953 and the College Archivist), Br Tony Whelan (former CSO Director), Br Brian Murphy and Br John Henry Thornber, one of our school's greatest supporters, former teacher, Board member and resident in the Chatswood Brothers community for many, many years. These men represent the 166 Christian Brothers who have lived and served here at Chatswood

Dr John Honner, Member of the EREA Council and EREA Regional Director, Mr Brian Roberts

Mr Peter Hamill, Director of CSO schools in Broken Bay

Mr Philip Ledlin, Principal of Our Lady of Dolours Primary School Chatswood

Mr Adrian Pulley, Acting Principal Corpus Christi Primary School St Ives

Board members past and present - Mr Peter Hughes College Board Chair, Mr Brian Populin, Mrs Therese Maclaine, Mr David Kennedy and Mrs Melissa Kennedy, Mr Tony Masone, Mr John Hunt former Board Chair and Mrs Jan Hunter former Board Member

Members of the College Parents and Friends Association

Old Boys and their families – Mrs Judith Ryan, wife of first day pupil Mr Philip Ryan student No 91. Mr Kevin Mutkins first day pupil, Mrs Jan Brodie, wife of Alan Brodie (started 1938). Mr Dermot Hoy and his wife Jean (Class of 1957 and one of 3 generations of Hoys at Pius). Mr Tony Lenehan (Class of 1954 and one of 3 generations of Lenehans at Pius). Mr Ken Hammond, Major Roderick White, Mr Jim Fitzgerald, Mr Bill Gleeson, Mr John Quirk, Mr David Bradley (Class of 1951). Mr Phil Chaplin and his wife Mary, son of Mr Chaplin the original surveyor of Chaplin Oval at Lane Cove whose name is honored on Chaplin Oval. Mr David Bullard, President of the Old Boys Association and Old Boy of 1982

Mr Couani offered an apology from Parish Priest Fr Paul Finucane who is "always our greatest supporter" and who was unable to attend due to another Diocesan obligation. Deacon Kevin assisted with Mass.



A celebration tradition, the legacy the Christian Brothers, Catholic education in the Edmund Rice tradition, community and our Catholic Faith

Mr John Couani, Principal



Special guests included Christian Brothers and four former Headmasters



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**Homily by the Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli,
Bishop of Broken Bay**

*Know your past; t t your pr ent;
and live your future.*

How do you mark 80 years? Well I'd like to mark it today by talking about four groups of 80.

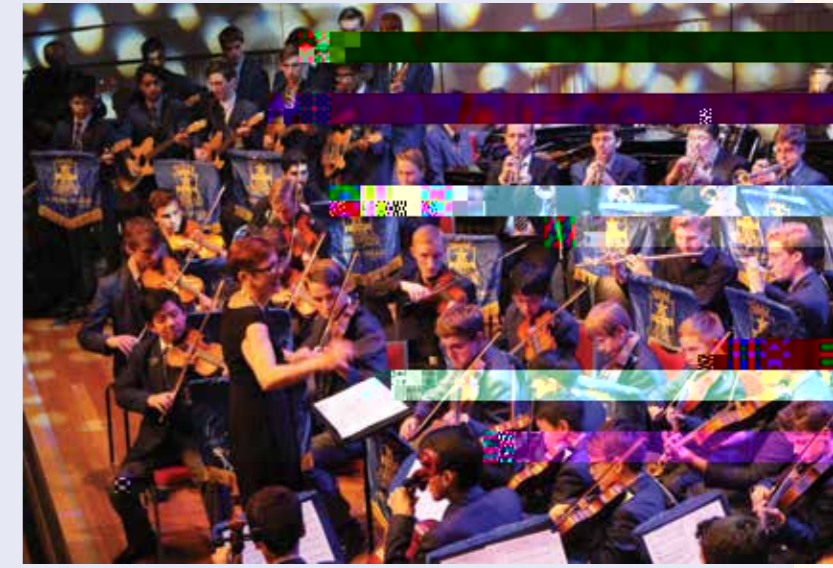
Let's start with the 80 years up to now, of the time of St Pius' College life from 1937, when the world was getting worried once again about a war, a world war. In fact, it came about two years later, the Second World War. And then, for most of the life of the College it marked periods, at least in our world, of leaning towards war rather than towards peace.

This same 80 years in our world has been a time of migration, of huge movements of peoples, both willingly and unwillingly, of ones who seek out a new life and those, who as refugees, have been forced into new lives. This 80 years, at least for us, has been an 80 years of moving away from Europe and moving towards Asia. And to some extent, it has been 80 years of a lessening religious sense in our country. But these 80 years of the time of St Pius' College have also been a time of an opening up to the world, a reaching out to the rest of the world. As a Church, in this 80 years, we had one of the great events of the whole life of the Church, the second Vatican Council, and we have also seen the rise of the laity.

The second period of 80. The 80 years (or minus two) of Edmund Ignatius Rice's life from 1762 to 1844. This 80 years, or thereabouts, was a time of the French Revolution, one of the great upheavals of world history. But also, in Rice's own country, a period of great persecution against Catholics. This was the time of the Industrial Revolution; a time of the enlightenment; of science becoming its own reality of understanding knowledge. It was also a time of immense progress, and just as immense, poverty and misery of peoples. And into that 80 years steps Edmund, a layman, opening up the apostolic life and forming a way forward as a Christian for the whole church. A man who stood up to the persecution that was happening during his time and reaching out to those who had been left behind. An 80 years of tremendous commitment to the faith in Jesus Christ, and of new ways of responding to the Holy Spirit. The second 80 years.

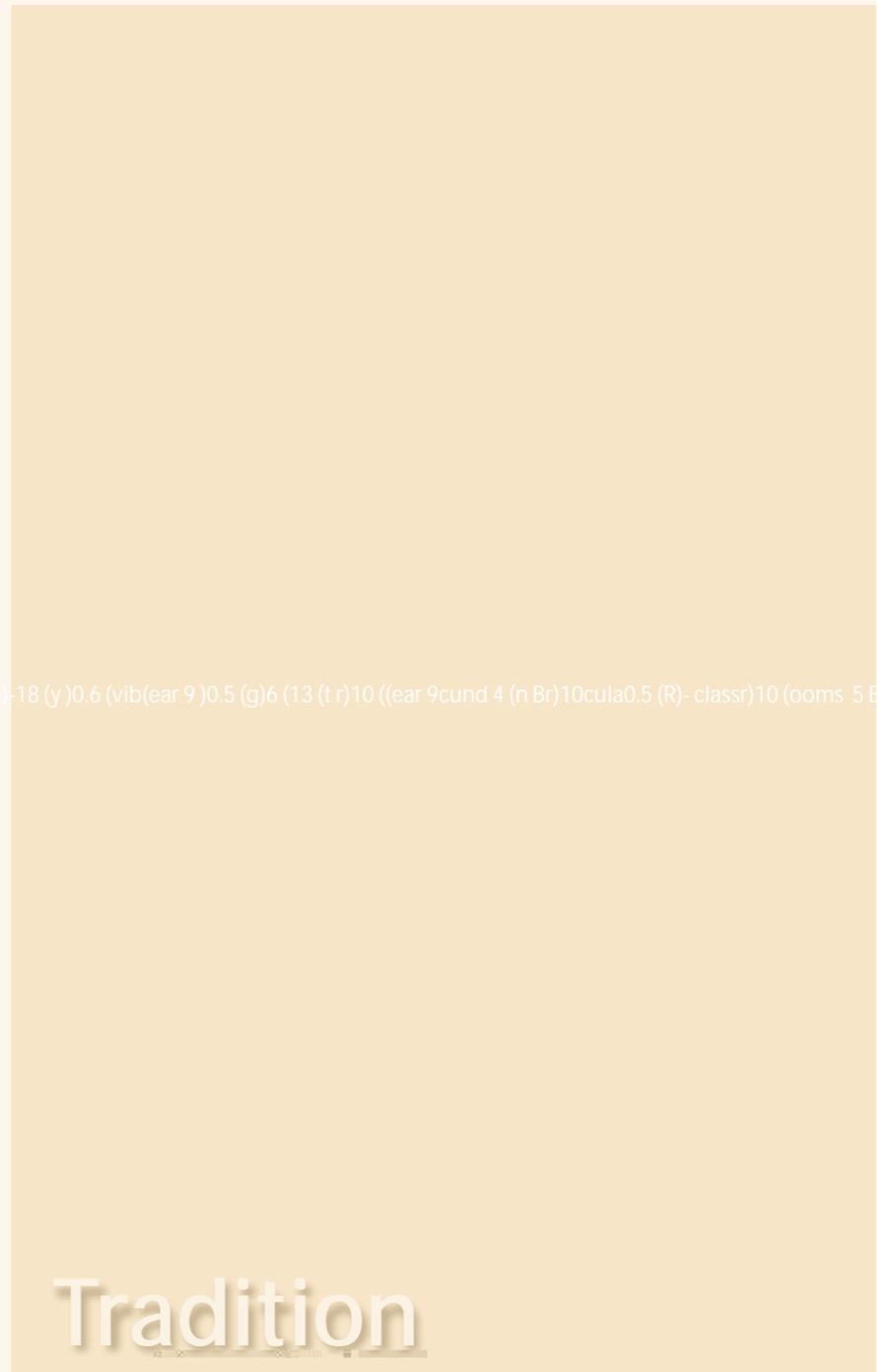
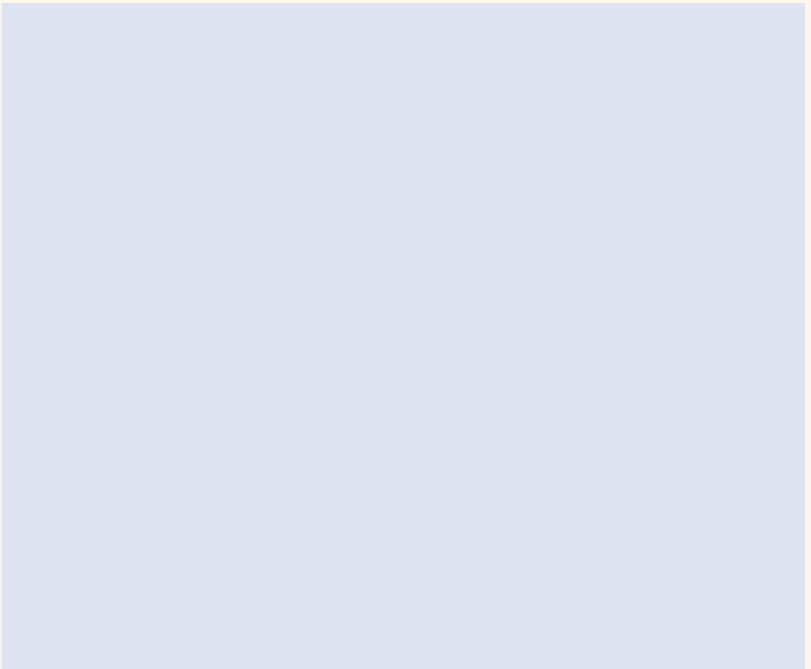
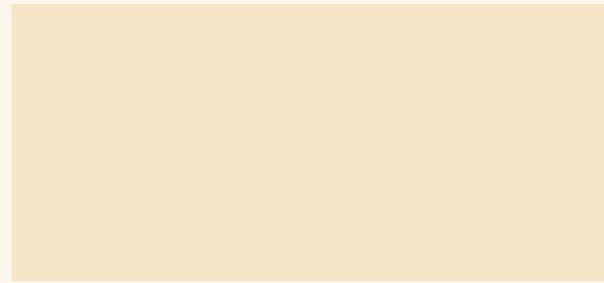
And so to the third of the 80s – the 80 years of Jesus Christ and the Apostolic times. From Year 0AD to 80AD: the living of Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection; and the living out of the apostles' lives until around about the 80s, or a little longer after that. They handed on the new Church, the presence of Christ,





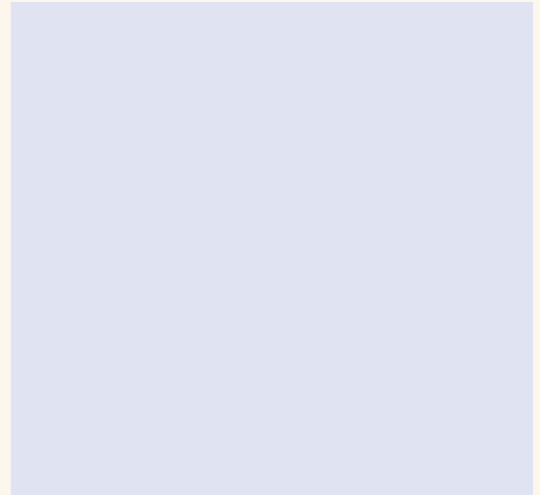
Brother Stephenson worked hard in the 1960s to gain a better site for the School. Graham Rossiter oversaw the establishment of the Science labs, which still serve us well today. There were more junior classrooms as well as Art, Music and Tech Rooms. Music went from strength to strength. The School was, for a brief time in the 1970s, co-instructional with Our Lady of Dolours across the road, with the boys and girls sharing classrooms and activities.

In recent decades, the School has expanded as much as it could within the confines of the site. Brother Walsh brought great energy and developed the Treacy Centre at Oxford Falls. He used to like to go down and see the work unfold. Brother Leary managed the next round of extensions around the Administration and the old Brothers' House. The final Christian Brother Principal, Brother



Ryan Jom (Year 6) is the third generation of his mother's family following his uncles Damian and Kieran Byrne and grandfather Denis Byrne (SPX 1964).

Tyson McCallum (Year 9) is the grandson of John McCallum (SPX 1959).



Tradition

Kalani Lenehan (Year 10) and Thomas Haymen (Year 6) are grandsons of Tony Lenehan (SPX 1954). Kalani's father is James (SPX 1987) whose brothers Martyn (SPX 1983), Matt (SPX 1985) and Anthony (SPX 1987) also attended the College.

Cousins David French (Year 12) and Mitchell McGrath (Year 6) are grandsons of the late Denis McGrath

Celebrating College staff with 25 years service

Founder's Day Festival 24 November 2017

In the 80th anniversary year of the College, long serving staff at St Pius X College were honoured with an Edmund Rice Waterford Award to recognise their dedication, commitment and service to the College for 25 years or more by the end of 2017.

Thank you and congratulations to

- Mr Jim Olson (26 years)
- Mrs Leonie Millar (27 years)
- Mr Neil Gibson (28 years)
- Mrs Elena Martin (28 years)
- Mr Mark Anderson (32 years)
- Mr Tony Cunneen (34 years)
- Mr Ross Masters (39 years)
- Mr Terry Patterson (40 years)
- Mr Mark Pawlak (40 years)

In the College's 80th Anniversary year we are very proud to recognise long serving staff who have served the College for 25 years or more.

These staff have given exemplary service in many different roles but in every case it has been the care for the students, the dedication and commitment to St Pius X College as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition and a true love for this community that has characterised their service.

It is with the highest level of appreciation that we thank these staff who have contributed collectively 294 years of service. Their contribution is immeasurable and with an immensity that spans many generations of Pius graduates.

In awarding these staff with an Edmund Rice Waterford Award we offer our heartfelt congratulations and we look forward to their continued service to the College.

Mr John Couani, Principal



Long-serving staff members, left to right: Mr Jim Olson, Mr Ross Masters, Mr Terry Patterson, Mr Tony Cunneen, Mr Mark Anderson, Mrs Elena Martin, Mr Mark Pawlak, Mrs Leonie Millar, Mr Neil Gibson

Mr Mark Anderson



Mr Anderson - Art class in action



Mr Anderson - as the Art Department Coordinator and the fruits of one of his students on display at the SPX Art Show



Mr Anderson - coach in the football U15s

Mr Tony Cunneen



Mr Masters & Mr Cunneen - planning Year 12 activities



Mr Cunneen Student Studies Coordinator and History Teacher, has been instrumental in maintaining the important College tradition of continuing to pay our respects to our war veterans and their families.



Mr Masters & Mr Cunneen - Year 12 Coordinators guide our students towards the future through 'faith and hard work'

Mr Neil Gibson



Mr Gibson - coach of football



Mr Gibson with former student and international basketballer Josh Duinker (SPX 2007)



Mr Gibson and the staff band at the Founder's Day Festival 2015

Mrs Elena Martin



Mrs Martin - Junior football team coach

Mrs Martin - in character for the Book Week Parade



Mrs Martin - Book Week activities

Mr Jim Olson



Mr Olson - a group of Year 7 students pay a visit to see Mr Olson in action behind the scenes



Mr Olson - directing the student body ahead of one of many Liturgical gatherings



Mr Olson - as Deputy Principal ensuring that all announcements and presentations are made during Monday school assemblies.

Mr Ross Masters



Mr Masters - as an SPX student receiving an award during the Friday school assembly



Mr Masters - coaching rugby on our home turf



Mr Masters - giving tips for a Year 12 student ahead of the HSC exam

Mrs Leonie Millar



Mrs Millar - teaching students how the CD-ROM works back in 1994 and the "dial up" modem for the internet in 1995



Mrs Millar - teaching students how to research information online



Mrs Millar with Ms Karen Keighery and Brother Carl Sherrin

Mr Terrance Patterson



Mr Patterson - coach of Junior Football U12s



Mr Patterson - in character at the Junior school Book Week parade

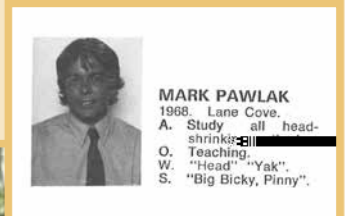


Mr Patterson with one of his Year 5 Classes

Mr Mark Pawlak



Mr Pawlak with 14As



Mr Pawlak - Year 12 HSC Class, with eyes on becoming a Geography teacher, a dream come true 40 years in the continuous making



Mr Pawlak - Year 7 Coordinator outside the Kirk Street classrooms

Old Boys Association 80th Anniversary Celebrations – Mass of Thanksgiving, College Tour and Dinner

1 September 2017

The Old Boys Association celebrated the College's 80th anniversary with Mass in the College Chapel, a tour of the Chatswood campus and dinner at the College's Treacy Complex, Oxford Falls.

Guests of honour included Mr Edward Brett (CBC 1954) grandfather of Oliver Franklin (Year 10) both of whom read at Mass, Mr Dermot Hoy, Mr David Bradley, Mr Bill Sutton, Mr Dixon, Association Patron Brother Carl Sherrin, outgoing College Board Chair Mr Peter Hughes, Mr Simon Darcy, four



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