Welcome to the 2014 academic year. I hope that each of you is as excited as I am!

We return with the wonderful news that Patrician Brothers’ College has again performed well in the HSC. This follows our earlier success in NAPLAN. The school community warmly congratulates all students, staff and parents on their successes in 2013.

In 2014 our school theme is: **Do Not Bury Your Talents**

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As Pope Francis teaches us; when we go beyond limiting our beliefs, when we realise that we are responsible for accepting faith and learning opportunities and not to bury our talents, then we can achieve greatness.

I particularly welcome all our new families to the Patrician Brothers’ College community. I hope that you can join with our current families in creating a vibrant and living Catholic community.

I encourage every student to play their part in ensuring that Patrician Brothers’ College is a better place for their having been here this year.

I look forward to working with each of you in 2014.

Please be kind to each other,
Santo Passarello

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**Year 7 2014**

Our wonderful new Year 7 students have settled into our community well!

_Pictured is Jeremy Morton with Ms Jacqueline Mercieca._

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Term Dates:

TERM ONE
Wednesday 29 January - Friday 11 April

TERM TWO
Tuesday 28 April - Friday 27 June

TERM THREE
Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September

TERM FOUR
Tuesday 7 October - Wednesday 17 December

Walkathon 2014
The Walkathon is our one major fundraising event for the year and will take place on Friday 6 June. It will be held at Nurragingy Reserve and each student will soon receive their sponsorship materials. We are asking each student to raise a MINIMUM of $45.00 each. There will be significant incentives for those students raising more than the minimum of $45.00.

Our Major project for 2014 is:
New student shade facilities
This will provide for additional shaded, seated areas for students.

In preparation for our Walkathon we are requesting SUPPORT in the form of PRIZES. In previous years prizes such as the following have been popular – iPad, iPod, Nexus 4 Phone, NRL Jerseys, sporting equipment, music CD’s, DVD’s, Vouchers etc. If any parent or organisation can assist with the donation of prizes please contact Mr Mark Strong on 9671 3000.

Thursday Sport
Parents, please note the dismissal times of the different sports for Thursdays. Students doing sport outside the College will be dismissed from their respective sport venue between 2.50 to 3.15pm (see table below). This is to enable students to return to the College should they need to catch buses from the school grounds. All school-based activities will conclude at the normal time of 3.25pm. Year 12 students are of course at school in tutorial groups.

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The 2013 School Yearbook will be available shortly. We will advise students when they arrive.
Year 7 2014
Our Year 7 students have begun their journey here at Patrician Brothers’ College. They are in no doubt that they are here to grow in their faith and to learn!
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From the Assistant Principal
The new school year is now well and truly under way and students in all year groups are to be congratulated on the way in which they have kicked off 2014.
For the information of all our new students – and as a timely reminder to our continuing students - there are several items that are worth mentioning at this time.
The front driveways of the college –both entry and exit from Flushcombe Road – are not accessible to parents or family for pick-up or drop-off of students. As you would understand, both gates carry high amounts of pedestrian traffic throughout the day, particularly immediately before and after school, so it would create a dangerous situation for our students if we allow parents to use this area as a kiss-and-drop zone in the way that some primary schools operate. For this reason, we require that students are dropped or collected at K Mart car park or other safe areas in nearby streets.
Along similar lines – our students are constantly reminded to only cross Newton and Flushcombe Roads at the designated pedestrian lights and we need parents to support us in this safety message. Several times last week we witnessed parents calling their sons to their car across these busy roads through heavy afternoon traffic. The school zones offer limited protection but it is quite obvious to any casual observer that some drivers simply ignore these speed limits.
Another important reminder – that chewing gum is banned on our school premises. Gum causes considerable damage around the school each year, especially to floor coverings and furniture and the cost of cleaning and repairs is significant. Students who are caught chewing gum will receive an automatic afternoon detention.
Finally - some reminders about correct summer uniform. While the vast majority of students have returned to school in full and correct uniform – some did require a firm reminder on the first day. Some of the students with serious uniform issues were sent home until problems were addressed while others were able to resolve minor issues at the time. Please note the details of our uniform requirements - as listed in our 2014 Student Diary. The images provided will hopefully add further clarification for students and parents.

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**Sports - Thursday**

| College sports shirt | College sports shirt |
| College blue shorts | College blue shorts |
| College blue nylon track pants | College blue nylon track pants |
| College blue nylon track suit jacket | College blue nylon track suit jacket |
| White socks (not anklets) | White socks (not anklets) |
| Sports shoes (lace-up and mainly white) | Sports shoes (lace-up and mainly white) |
| College cap | College cap |

Specific Information:
- The College Blazer is COMPULSORY during Terms 2 and 3 and can be worn without the jumper. However, the jumper cannot be worn without the blazer.
- The school shirt must be tucked-in neatly and ties worn in the correct manner at all times.
- Boys must wear the style of trousers approved for use at Patrician Brothers’ College as supplied by the College Uniform Shop. No variations in style, material or colour are permitted. All boys are to wear the approved grey socks.
- Shoes must be of the lace-up type and are to be blackened and polished. Laces should also be black. No variations to this rule will be allowed. All families should be clear on the College definition of ‘black polished lace-up school shoes’.
- Boys are not permitted to wear T-shirts which are visible beneath the school shirt. The school shirt MUST be tucked-in at all times.
- The only jewellery permitted is a watch. Chains with small religious medals or crosses may be worn around the neck but the chain must be long enough that they are not seen above the “V” of the shirt. Boys may not wear earrings or studs of any type (including clear plastic) at any time.
- Hair is to be neat and tidy. Hair must be of natural colour. Extremes of length or fashion are not acceptable. For example - undercuts, rat’s tails, mullets or scalp designs are not permitted. Hair should be no longer than collar length and the fringe must be above the eyes. It is expected that boys will be clean-shaven at all times. The school reserves the right to make rulings on the acceptability of any student hairstyles.
- School tracksuits tops, sweatshirts or hooded tops may not be worn with the school uniform.
- Sports uniform is worn for Thursday afternoon sport and for timetabled PDHPE lessons. For PDHPE lessons, students should change into their sports uniform at the start of their PDHPE lesson and will be given time at the end of the lesson to change back into their uniform.
- On Thursdays—students must wear full sports uniform. This includes the wearing of the school track suit top but NOT the school jumper. If for any reason the sports uniform is not available then full school uniform must be worn.
- Sunglasses and the college cap are permitted during recess and lunchtime but should never be worn indoors. Students are encouraged to wear sunglasses and the college cap at outdoor sporting events, especially during summer months. The official College cap is the only headwear that is permitted.
- While not legally bound to – the College does accommodate some limited examples of religious symbols from other faith traditions within the uniform guidelines but these must be approved by the Principal or Assistant Principal and may involve negotiation with parents.

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Some examples of correct and incorrect uniform

Correct School Shoes

Correct Sports Shoes

Correct Grooming

Did you know that there is a DIRECT correlation between outstanding academic performance and good grooming, wearing school uniform with pride and receiving Merit Awards!
Semester Two Prize-Giving Ceremony 2013
At the end of 2013 we again took the opportunity of congratulating each of our academic achievers. These young men were a credit to their families and thoroughly deserved their success. They are certainly ready to contribute to our 2014 school theme ‘Do Not Bury Your Talents’!
Since the instigation of the Honour Roll, many students at the College have made it their goal to work to the best of their ability and to have the honour of seeing their name on the Honour Board. At the end of each Semester, students across Years 7 to 12, who have achieved consistently outstanding results across all subject areas, are commended for their efforts.

### Year 7
- Michael Alam
- Jordan Antoun
- Cameron Brus
- Benjamin Carrick
- Ali Chrama
- Luke Eckersley
- Laren Henry
- Timothy Hodge
- Stephen Izquierdo
- Louis Kangol
- Tej Kehal
- Ethan Mokota
- Gajan Sivanesan
- Jonathan Tabone
- Alexander Thai
- Connor Tunks
- Dennyson Veloso
- Anmol Venkatesh
- Jaden Victoria
- Izak Xiberras
- Marc Zaurrini

### Year 8
- Vincent Akena
- David Alam
- Sidney Alcantara
- Hayden Blankley
- Bailey Broom
- Nicholas Carroll
- Ruel de Guia
- Jonathan Espinas
- John Mark Falzado
- Manosh Krishnan
- Jonah Mercado
- Anthony Pecora
- Zach Thompson

### Year 9
- Gordon Allan
- Nima Bahramrad
- Jaskirat Boparai
- Joel Bradford
- Jamil Dewan
- Joshua Dib
- Jacob Forster
- Joel Hogan
- Tomas Kennedy
- Delahoya Manu
- Jeremy Minett
- Clarence Ocampo
- Jason Pinto
- Steven Webbe
- Ford Zapanta

### Year 10
- Thomas Doyle
- Mark Fang
- Rohan Hudson
- Rohit Louis
- Daniel Mangabat
- Aaron Pinto
- Miguel Ramirez
- Alessandro Sammarco
- Amrit Singh
- Bienn Tongol
- Christopher Walker
- Luke Vella

### Year 11
- Adam Boidin
- Joshua Capaldi
- Jordan Cruize
- Omar Dewan
- Joel Fernandes
- Dylan Gallagher
- Dale Kennedy
- Aditya Kishor
- Daniel Marsden
- Shaneil Narayan
- William Reardon
- Aditya Sharma
- Kyle Singh
- Simrandeep Singh
- Jarrett Spice
- Monish Sundarampillai

### Year 12
- Jemil Casipit
- James Chadid
- Kaine Coomerawel
- Jackson Conaty
- Nazar Kucheruk
- Jesse Ocsan
- Elijah Park
- Julian Pecora
- Martin Pender
- Sean Pereira
- Dylan Rackley
- Jordan Santa Maria
- Jasminder Singh
- Navkaran Virdi
- Kristopher Vlismas
- Patrick Walker
- Carl Zamora
- Jemil Casipit
- James Chadid
- Kaine Coomerawel
Chess Club 2014
We Are Back!
As another school year gets under way so too has the College’s renowned Chess Club. Due to the popularity of Chess last year, Chess Club will now be open EVERY DAY at lunch to provide all students with more time to engage in their intense yet friendly chess battles. The return of Chess Club for 2014 has already seen the onset of nail biting games at lunchtime between long standing Chess Club members as well as some of our new Year 7 students. With many eager and keen to reclaim the glorious and prestigious title as champions of the MCS Chess Competition, try-outs are currently under way to select our players for what is bound to be another year of heart racing battles against competing schools. The yet to be finalised MCS Chess Team will include 3 students per year group who will represent the College in the tournament which will kick off in Week 6.

In addition to the MCS Competition, Chess Club will also offer players the opportunity to get involved in a number of friendly yet highly competitive internal chess competitions at lunchtime as well as the infamous Chess Mania later in the year. The new year, with our recently refurbished Chess Centre and brand new chess equipment, will also see a number of teachers make guest appearances at Chess Club for student vs teacher play offs.

What You Need to Know About Chess Club!
When: EVERY DAY at lunch
Where: F9
Who: All Welcome!

Ms Charmaine Castellino and Mr Anthony Silvestrini
From the Director of Studies
HSC 2013

Pictured above is Elijah Park who achieved an ATAR of 99.15. Elijah was chosen by the Premier of NSW to receive the prestigious All-Rounder Award for 2013.

Congratulations to the outstanding success of the 2013 HSC students. Again Patrician Brothers’ College has performed strongly in all subjects with all students showing a significant learning gain. Special congratulations must go to Elijah Park who achieved Band 6s in his best 10 units and earned a place on the All-Rounder Achievers List for 2013. Other outstanding students who achieved at the highest level in their subjects were:

Jackson Conaty in Biology, Mathematics and Earth and Environmental Science
Nazar Kucheruk in Biology and Ukrainian
Elijah Park in Ancient History, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Studies of Religion 2 Unit
Julian Pecora in Biology, English Advanced, English Extension 1,
Martin Pender in Ancient History and Modern History
Navkaran Virdi in Ancient History
Kristopher Vlismas in Ancient History, Mathematics General, Modern History
Patrick Walker in Ancient History, Biology, Earth & environmental Science and Mathematics

Other boys who performed solidly across a range of subjects were:
Daniel Balout, George Borzsonyi, Cain McGill, Jemil Casipit, James Chadid, Kaine Coomerawel, Paul Lee, Matthew Morcos, Dylan Rackley, Jordan Santa Maria, Alexander Vlismas, Carl Zamora

The boys remained focused and made good use of the opportunities provided by the school, such as the Homework Centre, the AIM High group, holiday tutorials, constant dialogue with peers and staff (many of whom are HSC markers and judges) and so much more. These boys truly lived up to the spirit of Gifted and Graced yet they were very humble and giving of their time to help others.

This year the call for all students is to not bury their talents. In sport, coaches help budding players learn new skills and give feedback on the training field. So what skills do our students need to master? These are skills such as hypothesis testing, deducting, comparing, investigating, predicting, sequencing, persuading, summarising, developing abstract thinking and reasoning, reflecting, focusing, being precise and accurate, seeing relationships and being divergent. What a challenge! Very soon the AIM high group will be launched and this group will focus in Term 1 on becoming familiar with these skills. The mastery of the skills will take just a bit longer.

Again we look forward to “Elevate” coming and giving our boys fresh perspectives about how to study effectively and smarter. It is up to the boys to create for themselves optimal learning conditions, structuring collaborative groups, and acting on feedback given by the teachers.

The Goal – to establish those conditions that will most enable students to achieve the highest learning outcomes.
The Timeline – the first two weeks of the school year.
Those who start well will finish strongly.

The 4-Steps to Academic Success

Most senior students are rather daunted facing the challenges of academic senior work with the goal of achieving a good HSC result. Albert Einstein once said wisely that “Everything should be made as simple as possible, but no simpler.” So the challenge is to look for the most effective and simple way to achieve goals and do the best one can when it comes to education. The process begins by asking a few questions. Would you like more marks in your next assessment task? Would you like to have more quality free time at home? Do you want to have a more satisfying career then the one you think that you might be able to achieve?

The common word in each sentence is MORE. MORE is an acronym that John George developed to assist students in getting the most out of their education. MORE is an acronym for:

- Motivated
- Organised
- Responsible
- Exercise (loosely translated to Commitment)

A student needs to consider what his most powerful motivators to study are, and I mean optional study not the necessary study and homework designated by the teacher. Few students are excited by the prospect of doing homework but it is an essential part of being able to not only access knowledge but also being able to apply it to new situations which involve problem solving. The important thing is to have a goal. That goal will sustain the initial impetus to try to do well. I wish all students a successful year ahead but it will take MORE.

Mrs Danuta Paton
Excellence and Innovation in the Patrician Tradition

Merit Awards
Our Merit Awards system rewards good and positive behaviours. You can receive Merit Awards for:
- Engaging with our learning and faith instruction
- Respecting teachers
- Contributing to school life
- Being a positive member of our school community.
Year 7 students are very excited, as some have already received their first merit for 2014. Ten merits will ensure they receive a bronze, five bronze awards receive a silver, two silvers, a gold and two gold awards will lead to a Principal’s Award-200 merits in total!

Patrician Brothers’ College Merit Award System

Students in Year 9 and 10 Drama have returned to school with great enthusiasm in 2014. Students have been learning the challenges of improvisation and acting techniques in class this Term with many of the boys discovering they have some excellent hidden talents for acting!
Drama not only gives students the opportunity to express themselves creatively, it allows students to think on their feet, grow in confidence and approach school work in a different way. Our Drama students will continue to hone their performance skills as the year progresses in the hopes of entertaining their families and friends later in the year!

Ms Jacqueline Mercieca, Drama Teacher

Counsellor’s Corner
Welcome to Counsellor’s Corner! I hope this column is useful in supporting you as parents and care-givers of 21st century teenagers through life’s significant milestones. New beginnings can be both exciting and daunting. Teenage years are often referred to as a ‘roller coaster’ experience. Below are some hints for helping your son settle in at Patrician Brothers.

- Remember, new students at any school have a period of settling in and adjustment.
- It is important to acknowledge what your son is experiencing. You can talk about how starting something new is always a bit scary. Talk to your son about change and reassure him that it is normal to feel temporarily anxious and unsure.
- Show confidence in your son’s ability to cope. Confidence is contagious.
- Encourage friendships and engaging in school activities. Ask about these. Fun is the best prescription for adjustment and belonging
- If your son is having some difficulties settling, remind him of all the changes in his life he has already successfully negotiated.
- If your son thinks you are not coping, he will not cope. That is, find someone other than your son to talk about your own feelings.
- If you are having trouble dealing with a distressed teenager, enlist help (call me!) and share the burden.

Ms Linda Cassell, Counsellor
Library Report
We knew Markus Zusak before he was famous!

In 2008 our senior boys were lucky enough to hear Markus Zusak speak about his emerging career as a writer. He was inspiring and refreshing in his enthusiasm for his craft. He shared with us then that he had recently sold the film rights to *The Book Thief* and that this would enable him to continue his passion for writing. That project is now realised with the beautiful film, *The Book Thief*, starring another noteworthy Australian, Geoffrey Rush. The film was released over the Christmas holidays. Those of us who are keen readers are often wary of seeing our favourite books portrayed on screen but the film of *The Book Thief* is a sensitive, if not necessarily faithful, adaptation of Zusak’s writing. I would recommend both the book and the film to all ages.

Markus is originally from Engadine in Sydney and his first books were about young boys growing up in our locality. *The Underdog*, *Fighting Reuben Wolfe* and *When Dogs Cry*, are excellent books exploring themes of family, growing up and living by our own values, which will resonate with our boys. These and *The Messenger* are featured on our new display shelf in the library.

Read more about Markus and *The Book Thief* at [http://www.randomhouse.com/features/markusszusak/](http://www.randomhouse.com/features/markusszusak/)

Patslib Website
Make sure you access the new PBB Library website. It contains lots of information to help you with your studies and the programs at school. Over the next issues of the Focus we will feature some of the information available on this site. Use this link [https://sites.google.com/a/parra.catholic.edu.au/patslib/](https://sites.google.com/a/parra.catholic.edu.au/patslib/) or go through the school website [http://www.patsblacktown.nsw.edu.au/library/](http://www.patsblacktown.nsw.edu.au/library/)

Book Club - Coming Soon!
In the next few weeks we will be calling for interested boys to join our new Book Club. This will operate in the library at lunchtime on Wednesday Day 8. Look for the advertisement in the Daily Student Notices and come along to join other keen readers to discuss books, get suggestions for good reads and write and post reviews on our blog site.

Welcome Year 7
Year 7 boys are extended a special invitation to visit the library at lunchtime on Wednesdays during February. This time is reserved for Year 7 only (with the exception of seniors wishing to study). During this time students will have the opportunity to really explore the library and get to know the staff and Library Ambassadors, who will help with any requests for resources or assistance. The Games area is particularly popular at lunchtimes. Boys may borrow chess sets, cards and other passive games to play in this area, as well as their own electronic games, in air-conditioned comfort. The Fiction Lounge is available for silent reading and other areas can be used for study. Library staff can also assist boys with timetable or login issues. Year 7 are of course welcome on any other day, along with the rest of the school.

Coming soon and exclusively for Year 7, the library will run a How well do you know your library quiz? There will be some great prizes to be won. Watch this space!

*Mrs Sue Dracoulas and Mrs Vikki Forrest, Teacher Librarians*
Representative Sport
Welcome to a new school year and the continuation of the 2013-14 representative sport season. As always, the College will participate in the Metropolitan Catholic Schools (MCS) weekly Thursday representative competition. The season began in Term 4 2013 and will conclude at the end of Term 3 2014. Sports that we compete in through MCS competitions and/or one day carnivals include:

- AFL
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Chess
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Touch Football

Specific details about these sports can be found on the MCS website (listed below). Participation in MCS competitions and carnivals will once again be the pathway for our elite students to represent at a state and national level. There are other sports that have a pathway to higher representative honours that are not part of the MCS calendar. Information about these sports can be found on the NSW CCC website (listed below).

Patrician Brothers’ College Blacktown has a proud history in representative sport and we look forward to enhancing this throughout the 2013-14 season. Finally, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families who have joined us in 2014. If you have any questions regarding representative sport at our college please contact Mr Borg on 9671 3000.

MCS Website: www.mcscolleges.com
NSW CCC Website: www.csss.nsw.edu.au

Mr Heath Borg,
MCS Coordinator
MCS Basketball

Round 9 v Trinity College Auburn

Highlights from the matches include:

**A Grade** - Great team shooting from the three point arc. Intelligent approach to the game from Antoine Pitcaithly.

**B Grade** - Raj Nandan's solid work under the basket and the aerial acrobatics by Christian Crichton

**9 Opens** – First week back and it really showed. The boys turned the ball over a lot. Ruel de Guia and Tristan Dizon led a comeback from 8 points down in the second half. We must look to score more in the next few weeks.

**8 Opens** – Good team play all round for the first game back. Clutch free throws and big plays at the end from Duwanye Fuimaono and Joshua Ross sealed the win.

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MCS Cricket

Round 9 v Trinity College Auburn

Highlights from this round include:

**Yr 8 Opens** – Ajaypal Singh and Aaron Baker scoring 53 and 54 respectively. Hirdyanshi Kalia took 3/6 off 2 overs. Shaun Cleasby and Jayden Tanner each took 2 wickets.

**Yr 10 Opens** – With the bat - Shannon Gardiner 71 Sean O’Sullivan 30 n.o. With the ball - Ricky Nair 2/6

**B Grade** – New student Damanpreet Singh Chadha got for 5/13 on MCS debut.


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Royal Life Saving Society Australia

The RLSSA conducts an annual Points Score of Schools, Clubs and Organisation undertaking lifesaving courses. Scores are awarded for each individual that obtains a RLSSA award from courses that are offered through our College. These courses include First Aid, Resuscitation, and a range of Aquatic Lifesaving awards including the Bronze Cross and Bronze Medallion. In 2013, having facilitated 475 students in obtaining a RLSSA award, our college placed 3rd in the Hendry Cup (the category for Boys Independent Schools and Colleges). Amazingly, out of almost 700 Schools, Clubs and Organisation that undertook lifesaving courses we were ranked 4th in the total number of students who achieved competence in a RLSSA certificate.

**NSWCCC Blues Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who were recently acknowledged as the best in their sport across all Catholic Schools in NSW.

**Dominic Charter** – Softball

**Tyrell Fuimaono** – Rugby League

**Anas Abu Ganaba** – Athletics

**Mr Heath Borg, MCS Coordinator**

**PBB School Sport Ribbon Recipients**

**Year 7 Sport:**

- Salim Tauto
- Lachlan Thomson
- Paul Hunter
- Rames Abu Ganaba
- Justin Goesmann
- Matthew Dickson
- Taylan May

**Table Tennis:**

- Joel Cauchi
- Jayden Leishman
- Aiden Halasz
- Nathan Segaveic
- John Aziz

**Mini Golf:**

- Jeshnil Gounder
- Bryce Williams
- Joel Hogan
- Russell Guevara
- Daniel Cauchi

**School Basketball:**

- Mikaela Peua
- Laisenia Turuva
- Brian Afu
- Joseph Matautia
- Lorenzo Pritchard
- Joe Peter Lotovale Sila
- Jubilee Soloa

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France and Italy Trip 2014

Only another few weeks before a group of 46 students and staff embark upon the trip of a lifetime to France and Italy!
Mr Santo Passarello  
Principal  
Patrician Brothers’ College Blacktown  
100 Flushcombe Road  
Blacktown NSW 2148  
AUSTRALIA

Dear Mr Passarello

Congratulations on your school’s inclusion on the 2013 Higher School Certificate All-round Achievers list. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of your students, teachers and school community.

All students appearing on the 2013 Higher School Certificate All-round Achievers list have been sent a letter of congratulations and signed certificate from the Premier of NSW.

The names of students who have earned a place on the 2013 Higher School Certificate merit lists are available through Schools Online.

Many schools hold ceremonies in Term 1 to acknowledge the achievements of previous Year 12 students. This may be a suitable occasion to celebrate the success of your 2013 Higher School Certificate All-round Achiever(s).

Yours sincerely

Tom Alegounarias

President
28 / 1 / 2014

On 1 January 2014, the Board of Studies NSW and NSW Institute of Teachers merged to become the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES).

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## Patrician Brothers’ College
### Canteen Price List - 2014 (Amber menu)
*All prices are GST inclusive*

### Breakfast Menu

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<tr>
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<tr>
<td>Fresh Fruit</td>
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<td>Raisin Toast</td>
<td>$1.00/slice</td>
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<td>Cheese &amp; Tomato</td>
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<tr>
<td>Toasted Sandwich</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ham, Cheese and Tomato</td>
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<td>Toasted Sandwich</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cereal Varieties</td>
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### Main Menu

#### Sandwiches

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<td>Fresh Chicken</td>
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<td>Leg Ham/Cheese/Tomato</td>
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<td>Chicken Chilli</td>
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<td>Turkey Salad</td>
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<td>Corned Beef &amp; Pickles</td>
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<td>Salad</td>
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<td>Egg &amp; Letteuce</td>
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<td>Bread &amp; Butter</td>
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#### Pasta (Tubs)

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<td>Pasta Salad/Bean</td>
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#### Salad Boxes

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<td>Plain Salad</td>
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#### Pies/Sausage Rolls

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<tr>
<td>Cheese &amp; Bacon Rolls</td>
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<tr>
<td>Jumbo Sausage Rolls</td>
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<tr>
<td>Low Fat Beef Pie</td>
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<td>Potato Pie</td>
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#### Sauce

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<td>Tomato</td>
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#### Hot Food

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<td>Assorted Pizzas (thin crust)</td>
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<td>Low Fat Hot Dogs</td>
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<td>Cheese Dogs</td>
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<td>Spaghetti Bolognese</td>
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<td>Low Fat Fantastic Noodles</td>
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<td>Chicken and Corn Roll</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ham &amp; Cheese Croissant</td>
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<tr>
<td>Potato Wedges – Sour Cream and sweet chilli sauce</td>
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<td>Nachos – salsa, sour cream and cheese</td>
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#### Warm Rolls

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<td>BBQ Beef</td>
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<td>Chicken &amp; Mayo</td>
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#### Burgers

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<td>Low Fat Beef Pattie with Salad on Roll</td>
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### Rolls (Torpedo & Round)

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<td>Salmon/Tuna Salad</td>
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### Fruit

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<td>Watermelon Tubs</td>
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<td>Vegetarian Pattie with Salad on Roll</td>
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<td>Sausage Sizzle with Onion on Roll BBQ Sauce</td>
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<td><strong>Cakes</strong> (as per educational guidelines)</td>
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<td>Jumbo Muffins</td>
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<td>Cereal Based Bars</td>
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<td>Popcorn</td>
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<td>Chips (40gm – 50gm)</td>
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<td><strong>Yoghurts (varieties)</strong></td>
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<td>Fresh</td>
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<td><strong>Lite Jellies (varieties)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Flavoured Milk (varieties)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Juices</strong></td>
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**Apple & Blackcurrant**

**Cool Drinks** (Assorted Lite Varieties)

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<td>Flavoured Power Water</td>
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<td>Gatorade (varieties)</td>
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Our canteen managers—Dean Ewer and Mark Ewer are looking forward to ensuring that our students are fed well and served quickly. A reminder that the canteen is open for BREAKFAST every day from 8.15am.

**Parking / Entry to School Grounds**

Parents and carers are reminded of the need to keep vehicles out of College grounds during the following times:

- 8am to 9:15am
- 3:15pm to 4pm

As Marion Street is usually heavily congested before and after school, please arrange to drop off and meet your son in the Kmart car park or the council car park adjacent to the Blacktown TAFE. Near misses in 2013 demand that this rule be reinforced. Your cooperation is essential.
Newspaper Articles

HSC results leave students smiling

As parents are aware, every student at Patrician Brothers’ College in Years 7-12 receives a student diary. This is an important tool to facilitate communication between parents and teachers. Students are required to use their diary on a daily basis to help them organize their time effectively. We ask that parents sign their son’s diary on a weekly basis to assist teachers in monitoring each student’s progress.

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St Patrick’s Soccer Club has been coaching children of the Blacktown district for over 35 years. We coach boys and girls from 6 years old and we have an excellent reputation for offering a great environment for everyone to play this fantastic sport.

Registration Information for 2014
To play for St Pats you can register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au or you can attend one of our information days:
When: Saturday 8 February 2014 from 9.00am to 1.00pm.
Where: St Patrick’s Church Foyer, 51 Allawah St Blacktown.
For more information about registration please go to our website www.stpatssoccer.com or call Silvana Martignago on 0422 747 235.
The 2014 season is starting soon so register early to secure your spot at St Pats.

St Patrick’s Junior Rugby League Club
Established in 1967

Want to play Rugby League with a great club?

Registration Dates for 2014
When: Saturday 8 February, 9am–12pm
        Sunday 16 February, 9am–12pm
Where: Meurants Lane Glenwood
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• Players required for Under 6 to A Grade
• Coaching & Training positions available
Please contact:
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Website
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Visit www.patsblacktown.nsw.edu.au
If you have any ideas or would like to assist with the website please see Mr Jeremy Lane.

Please visit our website and follow the link to our OFFICIAL Facebook Page:
http://www.patsblacktown.nsw.edu.au

Photos in the Newsletter ‘The Focus’
As you no doubt appreciate, we pride ourselves on the young men in our care. Hence we go to great trouble to pictorially feature students in all facets of their learning here at Patrician Brothers’ College. If for any reason you do not wish your son’s image to be used you must forward a request in WRITING addressed to the Principal. Otherwise we will assume that no parent has an objection to their son’s photo being used in the newsletter, website and other school publications.

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