Welcome to the 2015 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 exceptionally in the HSC. This follows our earlier success in NAPLAN. The school community warmly congratulates all students, staff and parents on their successes in 2014.

In 2015 our school theme is: **Service and Sacrifice**

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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 2015.

Please be kind to each other,
Santo Passarello

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**Year 7 2015**

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

Pictured is Campbell Burgess with Ms Jessica Caccioti.
School Dates for 2015

TERM ONE
Wednesday 28 January - Thursday 2 April

TERM TWO
Monday 20 April - Friday 26 June

TERM THREE
Monday 13 July - Friday 18 September

TERM FOUR
Tuesday 6 October - Wednesday 16 December

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 2.40 to 3.00pm (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 3.00pm. Year 12 students are of course at school in tutorial groups.

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The 2014 School Yearbook will be available shortly. We will advise students when they arrive.

Contact Information for 2015

College Executive
Principal                           Mr Santo Passarello
Assistant Principal                  Mr Brian Edmonds
Religious Education Coordinator     Mr Jim Prendergast
Business Manager                     Mr Steven Mulligan
Director of Studies                  Ms Danuta Paton
Leader of Learning & Innovation      Mr Jeremy Lane
Senior Coordinator                   Mr Peter Ross
Year 11 Coordinator                  Ms Denise Grzelj
Performing Arts Coordinator          Mrs Karen Davidson
Executive Secretary                  Mr Kim Crawford

Curriculum Team
Religious Education Coordinator     Mr Jim Prendergast
English Coordinator                  Mr Mark Strong
Mathematics Coordinator              Mrs Denise Arnold
Science Coordinator                  Mrs Heather Gilchrist
HSIE Coordinators                   Mrs Lesley Maguire
Mr Don Sykes
PDHPE Coordinators                  Mr Bruce Baker
Mr Heath Borg
TAS Coordinator                      Mr Michael Benitez
Liturgy Coordinator                  Mr Gregory Beacroft
Learning Support Coordinators        Mrs Mel Scaloni
Mrs Sharon O’Keefe
Vocational Education                Mrs Tess McGlenchy
Careers                              Mrs Vicki Forrest
Mrs Selina Wong
LOTE Convener                       Mrs Manuela Lavaselli
Performing Arts Coordinator          Mrs Karen Davidson
Creative Arts Coordinator            Mrs Gretel Collison
Literacy                             Ms Denise Grzelj

Pastoral Care Team
Year 7 Coordinator                   Mr Dominic Cullen
Year 8 Coordinators                  Mr Adam Scarpin
Mr Dominic Williams
Year 9 Coordinator                   Mr Steve Taylor
Year 10 Coordinator                  Mr Ray Camilleri
Year 11 Coordinator                  Mr Mark Domars
Year 12 Coordinator                  Ms Denise Grzelj
Senior Coordinator                   Mr Peter Ross
Student Support Officer (Counsellor) Ms Linda Cassell

Office Team
Office Administrator                 Mr Steven Mulligan
Office Team                          Mrs Anne Murphy
Ms Samantha Borg
Mrs Kim Antonelli
Mrs Pauline Field
Mrs Sandra Bartolillo
Mrs Deborah Janjis

Teacher/Librarians                  Mrs Vikki Forrest
Mrs Selina Wong
Sports Convenor                     Mr Van D’Morias
MCS Sports Coordinator               Mr Heath Borg

Website
Have you visited our WEBSITE recently? Did you know that the Patrician Brothers’ College Blacktown website is amongst the most innovative and interesting in the entire Diocese of Parramatta? This newsletter is available NOW in PDF and in FULL COLOUR.

Visit www.patsblacktown.nsw.edu.au
Congratulations HSC Students of Patrician Brothers’ College

It is extremely rare for a school to achieve an ATAR in excess of 99.

Patrician Brothers’ College has now recorded its 3rd consecutive year with an ATAR above 99.

A remarkable achievement!

2014
Adam Boidin
99.55

2013
Elijah Park
99.4

2012
Manpreet Singh
99.7
HSC Results 2014

- **Two students on the NSW Premier’s All-Rounder List**
- **Top Achiever’s List**
- **20 students on Merit List**

In 2014 we were ranked as the best performing school in the greater Blacktown area. We achieved a record number of ATAR scores in excess of 90.

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- 2 Unit Advanced English
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- 2 Unit Legal Studies
- 2 Unit Modern History
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**Various newspapers featured our HSC success prominently (see article below):**

Local Catholic secondary school, Patrician Brothers’ College, located at Blacktown, this week celebrated its 2014 Higher School Certificate results. The school is delighted with the efforts of its students.

Patrician Brothers’ College is firmly established as one of the academic high-flyers of western Sydney. Principal, Mr Santo Passarello, commented, “Our community is extremely proud of the 2014 HSC students. They have worked hard to achieve these results and I am delighted that their efforts have been rewarded. We are blessed at Patrician Brothers’ College with a dedicated staff, supportive parents and a wonderful spirit of trust and cooperation within the community. This has created an ideal environment for the students to excel”. The Patrician Brothers’ College 2014 Dux, Adam Boidin, was still in shock today when he received his results. “I can’t believe that it has actually happened. I am really happy with my ATAR of 99.55”.

The success of the cohort of 2014 can also be attributed to the Patrician Brothers’ College **Aim High Program**. The aim of the program was to target potential high achieving senior students with quality learning programs in order to raise expectations.

The Aim High Program is a mentoring program for students with aspirations to cross the boundaries and achieve well above expectation in their HSC and consequently achieve high ATAR’s for entrance to specific university courses. Thanks to the commitment, dedication and quality work of the Aim High mentors, students on the program boast achievements in a range of curriculum areas.

Students for the program were nominated by staff on the basis that these students would benefit from meeting with their peers and academic mentors. The qualities identified in successful students were diligence, the achievement of sound assessment results over a number of years and commitment to form a partnership with an academic partner.

Whilst acknowledging the efforts of the highest placed students, Mr Passarello was equally proud of the students that performed at the Band 3 and 4 level. “These are the students whose ‘personal bests’ represent the real achievement of Patrician Brothers’ College. Many of these students may not have even completed the HSC in years gone by. They are to be congratulated”.

Patrician Brothers’ College intends to celebrate their HSC success next year at a special school presentation, where each Year 12 student from 2014 that received an outstanding ATAR will be acknowledged.
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 well and truly under way and students in all year groups are to be congratulated on the way in which they have kicked off 2015.
As indicated at the end of 2014, there have been some slight changes to daily school times for the new school year. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday the day will conclude at 3:10pm and on Thursday the finishing time will be 3:00pm. Please note that there has not been any change to actual teaching time. The change will only affect the length of lunch each day. These changes will be introduced as part of a number of changes to assist students in remaining more focused on their learning. Appropriate notification has been provided to all transport providers. It is planned that further timetable changes will be introduced in 2016.

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For the information of all our new students – and as a timely reminder to our continuing students - there are several other 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 members at any time for pick-up or drop-off of their sons. 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 run across the road to their car 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.
Lateness, especially when it is repeated or regular, significantly detracts from the learning and progress of students and can develop into a habit that can seriously affect the employment prospects of students when they leave school.
For this reason, we take a firm line with students who are late for school and the Year Coordinators work closely with the front office staff to monitor lateness and attendance in general. Students who are late on 3 occasions will be placed on an afternoon detention.
In 2015 there have been some slight changes to our student management structures. These include:
- the extension of afternoon detention sessions on Wednesday and Friday which will now start at 3:15pm and conclude at 4:45pm
- a change to lunch detention times which will now be held from 1:05pm to 1:25pm
- morning detention sessions will no longer be available.
- students who fail to attend lunch detention will be automatically issued with an afternoon detention and students who fail to attend afternoon detention will be suspended from school pending an interview with the relevant Year Coordinator and/or Assistant Principal.

Your support in these matters is crucial and appreciated. Finally - some reminders about correct summer uniform. While the vast majority of students have returned to school in full and correct uniform – a small number were issued with firm reminders 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 2015 Student Diary. The images provided will hopefully add further clarification for students and 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!
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 supplied by the College Uniform Shop and approved for use at Patrician Brothers’. No variations in style, material or colour are permitted. All boys need to wear the approved school grey socks.
- Shoes must be of the formal lace-up type and 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 polishable lace-up formal school shoes’ before proceeding with enrolment.
- Boys are not permitted to wear T-shirts which are visible beneath the school shirt.
- 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, swept, unkept or shaved designs are not permitted. Boys’ hair should be no longer than collar length and the fringe must be above the eyes. Students must be clean-shaven at all times. The school reserves the right to make rulings on the acceptability of any student hairstyles.
- School tracksuit tops, sweatshirts and 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 tracksuit 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.

Mr Brian Edmonds

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 receives a silver, two silvers and two gold awards will lead to a Principal’s Award -200 merits in total!

Patrician Brothers’ College Merit Award System

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Students in other year groups are already doing well and look forward to increasing their merit tally in 2015.

Mrs Natacha Warnant, Merits Convenor
Semester Two Prize-Giving Ceremony 2014
At the end of 2014 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 2015 school theme ‘Service and Sacrifice’!
Educating Boys in the tradition of the Patrician Brothers since 1952

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**Semester 2 Prize-Giving Ceremony 2014**  
**Principal’s Honour Roll Awards**  
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.

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Chess Club 2015
We Are Back!
As another school year gets under way so too has the College’s renowned Chess Club. The return of Chess Club for 2015 means nail biting matches between long standing Chess Club members as well as finding the champions of the future from Year 7. Intense, yet friendly, chess battles are played out at lunchtimes and everyone is more than welcome to come and participate. Chess Club also offers players the opportunity to get involved in a number of highly competitive chess competitions including the MCS Chess Competition in Term 3 and the infamous ChessMania internal tournament later in the year. Chess Club keeps growing and growing with new members and new champions emerging all the time. So come to F9 at lunchtime to play some chess. Everyone is welcome!

What You Need to Know About Chess Club!
When: Lunchtime
Where: F9
Who: All Welcome!

Ms Charmaine Castellino and Mr Anthony Silvestrini
Representative Sport
Welcome to a new school year and the continuation of the 2014-15 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 2014 and will conclude at the end of Term 3 2015. 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 2014-15 season. Finally, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families who have joined us in 2015. 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
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, Facebook and other school publications.

Gondwana National Indigenous Children’s Choir
Aboriginal students between the ages of 10 and 18 may wish to take advantage of a wonderful opportunity to take part in a vocal workshop run by the renowned Gondwana National Indigenous Choir to be held on Tuesday 17th February from 1.30 - 2.30 pm in St Agnes Rooty Hill school hall.

If you are interested please see Ms Fran Dobbie, Mr Kamal Tawadros or Mrs Karen Davidson by Thursday 12th February.

The Gondwana National Indigenous Children’s Choir (GNICC) gives talented Indigenous children the opportunity to share their voices with the nation and the world.

Created in 2008 by Founder and Artistic Director, Lyn Williams OAM, which includes the Gondwana National and Sydney Children’s Choirs - the Gondwana National Indigenous Children’s Choir (GNICC) creates a pathway for Indigenous young people from across Australia to come together and take part in musical, social and cultural education and performance opportunities. Participation in this program instils pride, builds confidence and career pathways, creates lasting relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous young Australians and gives young people a platform from which to share their voice and culture with the nation and the world.
New Student Shade Structure

Our 2014 Walkathon Project is almost complete. Only the seating and the gardening remain to be done. It looks magnificent! Affording beautiful views across to the Patrician Learning Centre, this new student shade area will be in heavy demand!
Ireland and England Trip 2015

Only a few weeks to go before a group of students and staff embark upon the trip of a lifetime to Ireland and England!
Adams delight to be dux

TOP HSC MARKS FOR STUDENT

Jessica Oxford

Knowing what to keep in perspective

HARD work, postmodern theory, one-hour study, HSC revision, TV dinners and late nights, Adams Oxford is the student who should be straight up and down the Board. He is the student with the highest marks in the school, and he is the dux. Adam Oxford is the student who has achieved a 49 and 89 in his HSC exam results.

"I put in a lot of hard work over the year," Mr. Oxford said. "I really tried to keep the stress in perspective but it was definitely tiring."

"I was lucky to have strong support networks which knew when to step in," Mr. Oxford continued.

His English Extension 2 and his English Extension 1 are his study focus. He said that he was very much the study focused student, and that he was able to achieve his results through his hard work and dedication.

"It was like old times," he said. "But it was like old times for me, it was like old times for me."

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Newspaper Articles
friends and high ATAR results
they embark on their academic careers this year – one to study education at Notre Dame and the other to study occupational therapy.

THE END OF THE BEGINNING

LEFT: Loreto Normanhurst’s 2014 HSC class gather to celebrate the end of the year. It was a big year for Catholic schools and the HSC.

Among those celebrating were BELOW LEFT: Brian Lam (college dux), Nathan Reidy (first place, Business Studies) and Leon Warren (first place Chinese Beginners) from St Pius X in Chiswick. BELOW RIGHT: Proud Marist College first year principal Daniel Del Gaudio enjoys the moment with HSC high fliers (from left) Jack Cruddas, Damian Marcell and Eric Grovold.

“High fliers” Adam Bouldin and fellow Patrician Brothers’ student Jordan Cruise made the Premier’s All-round Achievers List of students who gained Band 6 results in 10 or more subjects.

Loreto Normanhurst has been ranked as the top Catholic school in NSW for the third time in four years.

It was also ranked 16th overall in the state, after 24 students made the All-round Achievers List.

Fifteen students were listed in the Top Achievers List, placing in the top 30 or top 20 in the state for their subjects.

“Friends and high ATAR results” continues on page 10.
Wonderful for a non-selective school

From page 9

The cream of the crop at St Ursula’s College, Kingsgrove, left to right, Samantha Roberts, Brinnley Hall, Elizabeth Dwyer, Lavaine Russo and Sarah Nicoll.

Adam Kodish was daa of Patrician Brothers’ College, Blacktown, and received the NSW All Rounder Award for Straight A’s and results across his 10 units. He also received the Top Achievers Award for English, extension 2.

The best performing all girls’ secondary school in the archdiocese of Sydney, the college's 2016 HSC class scored above the state average in more than 20 per cent of all courses.

Mr Kodish was pleased with the students’ efforts, saying, “I am very proud of all the students. Their hard work and commitment, and their dedication to do their best, has been outstanding.”

Mr Kodish attributes the successful outcomes to the students, but says there has been a very strong learning culture at St Ursula’s.

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We recently received a lovely letter from one of the retired Patrician Brothers. Br Basil Downey who was a great pioneer of Blacktown and devoted most of his religious life in service to the Blacktown community.

Dear Mr Passarello,
I was pleased and delighted to read in the SMH, local paper and the Catholic Weekly about the outstanding results in the HSC for Patrician Brothers’ College in 2014. Congratulations to you and the staff who taught these HSC classes.
I believe Patrician Brothers’ College was the best performing school in the Greater Blacktown area for the 2014 HSC. I felt very proud to be the first teacher with Br Gerard Histon and Br John Thompson. We were pioneers in the College when it commenced in January 1952. The media reports also stated that Patrician Brothers’ College Blacktown has now recorded its third consecutive year with an ATAR above 99. Many thanks to you and your staff for the wonderful work you are doing for Catholic Education.

Brother Basil Downey